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Mrs. H. A. Hitchcock

Batticotta, Jaffna. Ceylon.
Oct. 25. 93
Rec'd Nov. 25.

Dear Dr. Clark.

Your kind letter of ~~Oct.~~ Sept. 11th was forwarded to me from Madura. I thank you for the statement in regard to the accounts I sent you from London.

We reached Colombo Oct. 2nd and Mr. Hitchcock met me there and we went across to India

on a small coasting steamer,
I had a delightful week
in my old home there
and was glad to see the
work and the workers again.
The ladies of Knowles
bungalow were very kind to
give me a most happy
send-off and did everything
they could to make my
wedding a pleasant one.
We were married the 12th.
and left immediately, arriving
in Jaffna the 15th of Oct.
We are fairly settled now
and I feel most thankful
to be at rest after all
the journeying.

Very sincerely
H. A. Hitchcock

Mrs. H. C. Hitchcock

Batticotta, Jaffna, Ceylon

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June 13, 94

Recd July 23.

Dear Dr. Clark.

Your kind letter
was received a short time ago.
I have written quite
frequently to Mrs. Reed at
Holyoke and she wrote
very nice letter to me
some time ago. I had
just sent a letter to
her when I received
yours. We have also
lost of no written to
Scudders at Norwich.

We have been having
very busy time beginning
new school year, especially
Dr. Howland is laid up with
bad knee. He is encouraged
at it now however, and
hope to see him out
in, though anything of that
kind takes patient waiting.
Fortunately dear Mrs. Howland
is very well.
I have two Bible classes
college that take up my
in the morning. I
think there seems to be a
deal of interest among
boys, more than I have
in before. I noticed nearly

enty going to Dr. Howland's
ying class on Sunday
first of my boys
ked to know about the
ight away. I am glad
see them interested, even
ough they try to argue
at one religion is as
od as another, and
at their Siva is just
good as Christ. Many
the sixty new boys
em to be affected
by the Christian atmosphere here,
different from their
eathen homes.

Ten days ago there was
Y. M. C. A. convention
which was very interesting,
I will enclose the program,
I go as often as I can
the village work
must close now
I go to a school
at Mrs. Howlons for
Bible examination
With kind regard,
Very sincerely,
H. C. Hitchcock

Rev. H. E. Hitchcock

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M. E. Hitchcock to
~~June 14~~ 1890

Westboro, Mass.
June 14, 1890.

Rev. A. G. Clark, D.D.,
Dear Sir:

As I have heard nothing from you this week in regard to meeting Dr. Washburn I conclude he did not come to Boston. I have written a letter to him, but, as I do not know any address more definite than Ineridan, Conn. I will enclose it to you asking you to forward it. Or if you wish to send for me, I expect to remain here several weeks and you can send to the care of Mrs. L. M. Goddard.

Very truly yours
M. E. Hitchcock.

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W. E. Sitterwork
Sept 25 1890

Westboro, Mass
Sept. 25, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D., Boston.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your favor of the 22nd inst. reached me here today. I have remained here in Westboro since I saw you last June, having found work here for the summer. Thinking, as I did, that Mr. Marsh was to remain two years longer in Jaffna, I did not expect you would send me there, and I had reluctantly given up the hope that I should be wanted for Pasumalai.

I shall be very glad to return to work in Jaffna if satisfactory arrangements can be made for it.

West Westminster, Vt.
Nov. 8. 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 7th inst. informing me of the arrangements made for our passage on the "Umbria", and for obtaining the tickets from Mr. Daniels. This is entirely satisfactory to me.

I send you with this photographs of myself and Mrs. Hitchcock as you desired.

Very truly yours
W. E. Hitchcock.

Mr. W. E. Hitchcock,

West Westminster Vt.

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West Westminster, Vt.
Nov. 14, 1890.

Rev. N. F. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark;

I am in receipt of your letter enclosing Bills of Exchange for £100. Many thanks to you for your kind words. I shall try to be as prudent and economical as possible so that I may not use all the money. The bill, which you enclosed, for freight, insurance, &c. I understood that you would settle, but it reminds me that perhaps I ought to have an invoice

of the goods, and then I could see to them at Colomb

We expect to leave here Thursday morning, but if you wish to send any word later I suppo it could be sent to N. S.

I will send you wo from England, and late when necessary.

Sincerely yours

W. E. Hutchove

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107 Great Russell St. London.
Dec. 4, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

We arrived in Liverpool, after a very prosperous voyage, late Sat. evening. Came to London Monday, and on Tuesday looked up the matter of steamers. I found that the P. & O. Steamers for Colombo leave fortnightly and none sail this week. On other lines also the berths are engaged so long beforehand that we could not find places to go this week. So we engaged passage by the P. & O. Steamer "Ravenna", to sail Thurs. Dec. 11. The advertised rate is £37, but Bycroft, Tanqueray & Co. procured our tickets at a discount of 25%

so that they cost £27, 15s, each.
The fare is the same to Madras, and Mr Shelton goes with us.

Miss Ashburner's brother had written to Bywater, Tangye & Co. to secure a 1st Class passage for her to Bombay, so we could not go together any further. We have been to see her off today by the Peshawar. Dr. Chester was to meet her at Bombay.

I have written to Mr. Howland on what ship I am to sail so he will know about what time I shall reach Colombo.

We came from Liverpool by 3d Class: very comfortably.

Very truly yours—

W. E. Hitchcock

Mr Fitzherald

Batticaloa, Ceylon

August 30 1882

My Clark

Yesterday I received your letter, Mary

My Dear Clark,

When I engaged

to come out to Jaffna College, it

was understood that I would have

to come as a married man, for

there would be little to take up a

married missionary here as a

single man. I had a happy home

for seven months and then

I went over to the Jaffna College

and I made Jaffna College my home

alone for more than a year.

Last April I went over to

Batticaloa & I made the acquaintance of Miss Hattie Hooker,

the Madura missionary, who was on my

way home on furlough & I gave me her letter

to bring which I took from me,

& sent me her first when she

[illegible] City, Oct. 2, 1865, and
[illegible] have [illegible] to
[illegible] and the Southern [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Colburn's brother
[illegible] to Byron, they
[illegible] in [illegible] 1st Class
[illegible] to be [illegible]
[illegible] and to go together
[illegible] the have been [illegible]
[illegible] of Lady of the Rebellion
[illegible] and the [illegible]
[illegible] Bombay.

I have written to Mrs.
Blanchard on other sheet of
[illegible] and so he will
know about what day I
should reach Colombo.

We came from Humphrey
by 1st Class: very comfortably.

Very truly yours
W. L. Hitchcock

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Batticotta, Jaffna, Ceylon.
August 8th 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.,
Secretary A.B.C.F.M., Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark:

When I engaged to come out to Jaffna College the second time, it was on condition that I come as a married man, for I was unwilling to take up a permanent residence here as a single man. I had a happy home here for a few months and then, as you know, in the providence of God I was left alone, and have lived alone for more than a year. But last April, when on a visit to Kodaikanal, I made the acquaintance of Miss Hattie Houston, of the Madura Mission, who won my heart and gave me hers in return, and, being about to visit America, promised me her hand when she

returns from her visit home.

Now, as she is in the employ of the American Board, I wish to apply to the Board through you its Secretary, to transfer her from the Madura Mission to the Ceylon Mission, and to consent to her marriage with me, tho I am not a missionary of the Board. She would then work here in connection with Mrs. Howland for the women of Jaffna as she has done before for the women of Madura. She should, I suppose, as employed by you, make application for the transfer on her own behalf, and doubtless will; but I think, tho it is, perhaps, an anomolous case that I may properly present my petition also. If you do not agree to this, I shall then have to apply to the College to pay her passage out and to raise my salary so that I may support a wife. She would then resign

her connection with the Board and you would lose the services of a missionary whose earnest devotion to the work for the last six years is well known to you and gives promise of great usefulness in years to come. Of course she would work for the good of Jaffna if her support were to come from the College instead of from the American Board; but then her efforts might be directed more in behalf of the students than for the women. Also, those who have known her as a missionary might not be pleased to have her resign.

Hoping for your favorable consideration of the proposal for a transfer, I remain,

Very truly yours.

W. E. Hitchcock.

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Jaffna College, Jaffna, Ceylon.
Dec. 12, 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark;

Your letter of Nov. 9, is received and I am sorry to find that the previous one has thus far remained unanswered: it was laid aside and overlooked.

I would thank the Sunday School of Washington, Conn. for the money they have given for supporting a boy in Jaffna College, and will write to them when the boy has been selected. We are now in the middle of the term and, of course, all who are here now are provided for till the close of the term. At the beginning of a new term

in the spring there will be an opportunity of applying the gift.

The twelve dollars which you reported as received from the Sunday School of Westminster West, Vt. has not been received here yet. The same sum was given last year and has been used in aiding two girls in the Odoomilla school. I have written to the Sunday School in regard to them, and I hope this money will be received certainly before March when the next year opens.

Let me thank you for your kind words of sympathy with me in my bereavement. It was a sudden and heavy blow for which I know not the reason. I can only trust that it must be right or our Father would not have permitted it.

It suddenly changed all my prospects; but I have at present no other plans than to remain here while I am wanted and can do good. My own health is perfectly good in this climate and I think perhaps I can do as much good here as anywhere.

You will rejoice to know — as Dr. Howland has perhaps already reported to you — that we have been having, in the last month, a quickened religious interest here. In the College nearly twenty new voices are heard of those who have resolved to follow Christ. The same interest has been manifest in the schools at Tillipally and Oodooville. Mr. Wallace is a very valuable worker in the religious department of our work not only in the College but also in connection with the Young Men's Christian Associations

in the villages around. We are all rejoicing in the good work, and in the coming of the new missionary, Mr. Bill, who is expected in a few weeks.

At the entrance examination of the Calcutta University, which takes place in February, we expect to present 16 boys for our first class. Also, one of the teachers will take the F. A. examination.

I suppose it is to you that I am indebted for a copy of the Springfield Union giving an account of the annual meeting of the American Board. It must have been an inspiring meeting. The report is full of interest. Please accept many thanks for sending it.

Sincerely yours —

W. E. Hitchcock

Jaffna College
Jaffna, Ceylon.
Oct. 8, 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark;

Near the end of last year I received word from you that $12 had been sent by the Sunday School of Westminster West, Vt. for the support of a girl in Oodoville Seminary. Also that $40 had been paid in to the treasury of Jaffna College by the Sunday School of Washington, Conn. for the support of a student in the College. But neither of these sums has been received by the treasurer here, so that no benefit has been derived from them. The twelve dollars from Westminster West

being a continuation of a like sum sent in previous years, and divided between two girls who are in the school and dependent on help, I have paid the money myself. The other, not being in hand was not promised, but I fear it will disappoint the Sunday School in Washington. Could not to have heard from it. I should have written about it before but that I thought that Dr. Howland was going to mention it in his letter. I find, however, that he did not, so I write to ask if it can be forwarded to Dr. Howland the treasurer here.

The Christian boys in the College are not only faithful, but earnest and enthusiastic in carrying on the work of the Y. M. C. A.

and we hope for a rich blessing on their efforts.

The Mission here being invited by the Madura Mission to send a representative to the celebration of the jubilee of the Pasumalai Institution, asked me to go over to represent them, which I was happy to do. The exercises of the Jubilee were carried out with enthusiasm in the presence of a large audience. The report of it you will doubtless have received from there.

A few weeks ago I wrote you in regard to my plans for next year, and await an answer to that letter before saying more.

Very truly yours—

W. E. Hitchcock.

Mr. H. E. Hitchcock

Jaffna, Oct. 8. 1892.

Recd Nov. 11.

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Jaffna College
Jaffna, Ceylon.
Aug. 19 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D. D. Rec'd Sept. 29.

Dear Dr. Clark:

Your favor of June 29th was duly received. In accordance with your desire I have written a letter to Rev. W. H. Scudder of Norwich, N. Y. and enclose it herewith. I had already written to him after your first announcement that the fund was to be given for my support.

Of course, in one sense, it makes no difference to us how the money is obtained, but, nevertheless, it gives an appearance of a want of straightforwardness to take money through the Board for one not appointed by the Board in order that the College money might go to support a Missionary of the Board.

It does not seem to me to be just, when Dr. Howland does missionary work as a member of the Ceylon Mission that his whole salary should come from the College. If the College pays all his salary then it might claim all his time. If the Board is willing to give special grants to those not its own missionaries, well and good, it is for work that tells directly on the missionary cause but for it to try to get its own missionaries supported from funds contributed for College work does not seem right. There may be no real injustice as the Board gives with one hand what it takes with the other, but anyway it does not seem straightforward. As to the amount of my salary, a thousand dollars is the amount that I agree

to come for before, and I suppose we can get along with that, unless sickness should cause extra expenses. And yet, if the Holyoke Church is to pay Miss Hitchcock's salary, I do not quite see why it should not pay as much as she has been having before, which was, I believe, $450. According to the present arrangement it is practically a reduction of $75 dollars a year, while at the same time you increase the salary of the new man $25. However, I don't wish to complain of the amount. But if a church gives the money, and gives it through the Board, I don't see why the Board need to dismiss her. I think she felt hurt at that action, and I am very sorry she is not to be a member of the Mission.

The new term of the College

has opened, but I am shut up, for the last five days, with the mumps. Expect to be out in a day or two.

Dr. Howland will allow me a few weeks next month to go over to India for my wedding.

Sincerely yours

W. E. Hitchcock

Rev. H. E. Hitchcock,

Rec'd 5-27-98
Ans'd 6-23

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Kodaikanal, India
Apr. 27th 1898.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Barton;

Your letter of March 17th and the pamphlets on Jaffna College were forwarded to me here, where we have come for a few weeks of a cool climate. We were here three years ago and have not been out of Jaffna since. I shall go down again next Monday so as to begin the new College year, having been here seven weeks. We gain new vigor in this cool climate, and we meet many missionaries here at this time of the year, when it is too hottest on the plains.

Rev. W. E. Hitchcock

Thank you very much for sending me the pamphlets. It is very well gotten up and I should think would interest many. I presume you have sent one to Holyoke, if not would you kindly send to Rev. E. A. Reed, 156 Pine St., Holyoke, Mass. Also please send to Mr. Johnston, Denmark, Iowa; and to Mrs. John Allen, 87 Palmetto Drive, Pasadena, Calif. and to Miss F. L. Hitchcock, 16 Center, Brattleboro, Vt. and charge on the cost — if they have not already been used.

In your letter you seem to have confused Mrs. Hitchcock with myself. It was Mrs. Hitchcock who wrote to the Misses Leitch and who has written to the Holyoke Church. I used to write to

W. E. Hitchcock

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Rev. Wm. H. Scudder of Norwich, N. Y.,
as long as he was there, tho
not frequently; but after their
church burnt down and they did
not pay to the Scudder Memorial Fund
I did not write, not being willing
to send general letters through the
Misses Leitch and let them make
use of them as they have done
those of some missionaries.

I am sorry I have neglected
writing to you so long. I will
send you a full report of the
College when we return to Jaffna
and can tell of the results of
the Calcutta examinations.

Sincerely yours -
W. E. Hitchcock.

Rev. H. E. Hitchcock 6-18-91 13
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Jaffna College, Ceylon.
May 14, 1888.

Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D., Boston,

Dear Dr. Barton,

I send you herewith a copy of the report used at the meeting of the College Directors last Saturday. The chief items of business transacted were: the acceptance of Dr. Howland's resignation as Principal, with regret and a record of the appreciation of his services; the election of Rev. T. B. Scott, M.D., to fill out his term on the Board of Directors; and directing the enforcement of the condition referred to by

Miss Leitch for the Bursaries
of having the recipients' parents
give bonds for the repayment
of the money if they do not
work under Mission Employment.
I am afraid it will be very
difficult in some cases for
them to find security, for
their lands are already mort-
gaged, or they expect to get
them in a year or two for
dowry. However, we shall try
to get good security.
I wish you would let me
know the addresses of the
donors of the Bursary Funds
if you have not already sent
them to Mr. Hastings, for

we have not been able to send letters to them except through the Mission Leitch.

The Directors postponed electing a Principal, hoping to have another man sent from America, and asked me to continue to be Acting Principal this year. As Dr. Howland was a missionary, if the Board does not sent some one to take his place, more expense would be put on the College funds by sending another man, and I do not suppose it can be done unless there is more money subscribed.

Perhaps your pamphlet will

bring in contributions, and you can send us a new man. I wish we had him now.

I have been waiting several days expecting to be able to report the results of the Calcutta Entrance examination but they are not yet published. So our new F. A. & B. A. classes are not yet formed. We admitted fifty-five new boys — if they all come — some probably will not be able to pay. About forty have already come into the new class. I will let you know about the number in a few weeks.

Sincerely yours —

W. E. Hitchcock.

Rev. Edward P. Holton

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Tellippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon, Friday, August 19th, 1898. 14

9-26-98

Dear Dr. Barton:-

It is nearly 6 weeks, I should say, since I have written to you, and over two months since we got settled here in our new home, and so while first impressions are passing away we ought to be getting the juster and more abiding views of the life and work about us: and I think that we are. Some of the disagreeable things are wearing off in their unpleasantness or are being abated altogether,-as for instance the hunting and racing of the "tree dogs", a species of small wild-cat, over the palm-leaf mats which serve as ceiling to our rooms. They disturbed us a great deal nights, until we got men to go up overhead and nail strips of wire netting along the eaves and to fasten other pieces into the openings of the ventilation tiles. There is a huge "sarai pambu" or rat-snake has his habitation somewhere on the mats over my head, here in the study, but as they are friends rather than foes and are not poisonous I am not at all anxious to kill him, tho' a bit so lest he frighten my wife or little Olive. The white ant is, like the poor, or, more fitting comparison, like the arch-adversary, the "roaring lion", ever with us, seeking what new treasures of books, boxes, clothes or keep-sakes it can devour. I recently sent my brother the shell of G.F.Wright's "Biography of Rev.C.G.Finney", as a sample of the white ant's work: I have been thinking of sending Messrs. Houghton & Mifflin my wreck of Lowell's "Poems", as a sample of the hearty appreciation that the Indian neighbors of ours give to American letters. Perhaps you would not mind being a partner to the joke, as I do not even know where the firm does business, but I believe that it is a good Congregational one. You will be glad to learn that aside from these petty physical annoyances, and the more serious one of a wretched caste opposition on the part of the church members to letting our low-caste Indian servants sit on benches like common folks in church, there have been no serious troubles. The caste one yielded slowly to a resolute front, when they saw that there would be no yielding on the part of either the "new missionary", the old Pastor or the better elements in the church. All have come back from their foolish and wicked opposition save two,-a young, dissolute young man,-son of one of the older catechists of the mission,-and an older "independent Christian", (as they are called here, significantly, to distinguish from the dependent Mission-agents,) this poor man is so much in bondage to his pride that he cannot confess his wrong doing publicly although he has publicly admitted to me that it is contrary to the spirit and the command of Christ and a remnant of the heathenism which we are to rebuke by our lives. I am very sorry for the old man; his face shows he has no peace. Of course there has been a certain amount of "trying it on" with the new-comer, taking shelter, when run to earth, in the flimsy excuses that try to pass in the difficulty of proving anything when one predecessor has left the country and another has been non-resident and in charge only temporarily for a short time; but the plan of laying increased

responsibility upon my "district committee",made up of the Pastors and some of the catechists,has put these on their mettle and better work is now being done in all the shcools,than at first. I am trying to visit all of my 28 village schools regularly myself,as well as to have the District Com.members each frequently visit those for which he is responsible. The Training School has been closed for its second term vacation,but opened again, for the third and last term of the year, yesterday. I am to be brought into a little closer relation to it than I was before:of course I could then do but little as it was near the close of the term and I had unpacking,settling and accounts and new work to take in hand. I am to teach one class in English each day,and I plan for a Bible class,but its hour of meeting is not yet fixed.

The singing here is very bad,-all over the Mission and Peninsula is this true,but it is commonly averred that it is at its very worst here, possibly because they are boys here and can make a louder and more discordant noise than the girls can;possibly because the boys have not yet learned that harmony and unity ~~is one of~~ are the first principles of music,possibly because they do not know that they cannot sing at all and in blissful ignorance and human perversity,love to do what they cannot,-try to do what they cannot,of course I mean. It looks to me like a formidable task,-but with a cloth blackboard and my cornet and patience as well as a love for the beautiful Tamil lyrics,I hope to accomplish something of good here,-and perhaps,too,at Batticotta,Oodooville and Udupitti.

There is a domestic item which I wish to make known to you,and which is, perhaps,the occasion of my writing to you at this time. We are expecting the arrival of our third little one about Sept.24th. As Mrs.Holton has been so poorly with a nervous trouble for over a year before coming here her folks and mine will be quite anxious to learn of the safe out-come of the coming crisis,so I may wish to cable to you,and have you forward the news by letter to them:I think that you know their addresses,but to make sure I will give them,-Mr.& Mrs. Henry B.Sears,North Amherst City,Mass.,and Rev.Charles S.Holton,Newburyport,Mass. If I send but the single word "boy" or "girl",it will mean that both mother and child are doing well,if any qualifying word is sent it will explain itself. Of course if adverse news has to be sent it will be sent more fully. Of course you will at once send to your folks any news you may receive. I have not promised it to them so they will not really be expecting any word. Mrs.Holton's general health,and especially her nervousness,has improved greatly since coming over here,and my work is such that,although I have to be away from home often and a good deal,I can be at home nights,which is a great help to her. She comes now and suggests that owing to our straightened circumstances this year we had best not cable home,as we never have before and so perhaps I shall not,but this will serve in case I do.

Read, if you choose, the inclosed open letter and then forward.

Sincerely Yours, Edward P. Holton.

We have no objections to Mr. Holton's having the same salary as the other members of the Madura Mission.
R. H. Hall

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Rev. Edward P. Holton
American Mission House,
Tillippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon,
Friday, October 28th, 1898.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 12-4-98
Ans'd

Dear Dr. Barton:-

There seems to be a little misunderstanding between Mr. F. H. Wiggin, Mr. J. S. Chandler and myself as to where I am to get my allowance for support since I left Madura. By the terms of the vote of the Madura Mission in allowing us to come over here the Jaffna Mission was to pay our allowances while here and our expenses of removal both in coming over here and on our return.

I wrote to Mr. Wiggin notifying him of our change of residence and mission and asked him to please credit any allowance or special donations for me to the Treasurer of this Mission. He replied that he could not do this as it would involve his accounts in great confusion, that I must therefore continue to draw my allowance from Madura for the remainder of this year. I wrote this to Mr. Chandler in the course of a letter on other matters and he replies that he can pay me nothing until he has orders so to do

It is expedient that the matter be attended to at once as there is just time for a reply from the Rooms before the annual accounts of the two Missions close, Dec 31st. The matter is a little more involved by the birth of our little son Sep. 3rd and the consequent change in our allowance.

There is one other matter concerning which I had intended to consult Mr. Hastings before writing this, but it was forgotten in the short, busy time that I saw him at Manepparay last Wed. before he and Mrs. Hastings started to Colombo to see Miss Myers off.

It is this, if upon Mr. Higgin's books we are still to be considered members of the Madura Mission may we not be allowed to share in the benefit of the 5% restoration granted to that Mission, not only from Jan 1st to June 11th, the time we were actually in the Madura Mission, but for the remainder of this year. If this could be done it would be a very material help to us in settling up our outstanding obligations and in meeting the increased expenses that our coming over here has caused.

Although our moving expenses over here were cheerfully paid, and it was a rather large bill, I did not charge the Mission the full amount of our actual expense; our June shipment goods and some things from England had to be re-shipped to us from India at a considerable extra expense and some of our goods and servants did not come over from India with us and so we have borne that expense.

Now as I understand it no injustice would be done the members of this Mission if we drawing our allowance from Madura were to benefit by the restoration made there; and I think neither of the brethren here would object to my asking for it, as things now are. And this restoration to full allowance would not, I suppose cost the Madura Mission anything extra. The difference would be felt by the Board's Treasury alone, I suppose. And I am sure the Prudential Committee does not wish to take advantage of our volunteering to come over here to help this Mission to put a 10% reduction on our allowance, such as is laid on this Mission, our names the while being kept by the Board's Treasurer on the Madura Mission list.

I have written Mr. Chandler to learn whether we are to benefit by a 50% restoration from Jan 1st until June 11th but he has never answered me: his method with me is to get 3 or 4 communications on a wire before answering, so as to answer all at once. Consequently he often omits to mention what is to me a pretty important matter.

Will you kindly lay this matter before Mr. Wiggin and if it is within his jurisdiction to grant it will you ask him to please write to Mr. Chandler at once and quite explicitly so that there need be no room for doubt in interpreting his wish or permission. I came over here to help this mission in its need and am now embarassed to find that in one way I am becoming a burden to it. I have had to live and Mr. Hastings has kindly advanced me all that I have needed but he cannot draw my allowance from Mr. Wiggin and Mr. Chandler views it as a drain on the Madura mission to pay it. Of course it will all be made right within two months, but Mr. Hastings is hampered by this extra expense for which no provision has been made.

Mrs. Colton and the children are well though not very strong yet. I hope to write to you again soon.

Sincerely Yours,
Edward P. Colton.

3-8-99

Rev. E. P. Hottes
Tellippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon,
Monday, January 16th, 1899.

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Dear Dr. Barton:

Please excuse my using a pen instead of the more easily read, but fatiqueing, type-writer; and forgive my long silence, for I fear I have not written you since I was taken ill Nov 2nd. I know I haven't since Nov 18th — the day I first saw the little book of the Misses Leitch. I have often felt that I ought to, but I have not dared to, let myself write lest I should say something, not untrue but unkind, — not according to the Master's will. Perhaps I did wrongly in not writing at once to correct what seems to me the decidedly false impressions which that little book creates; but I am here in a very peculiar and trying position and perhaps it is as well for me to have left to the other two brethren here the responsibility for allowing some of the statements, or lack of statements, made therein to go unchallenged. From one or two things in your recent letters to Rev. R. E. Hastings I.

R. E. H. 11 01

infer that you know something of the record of these impetuous, enthusiastic ladies, and I'll say no more about their little book unless you ask me to make specific statements about it. I had, too, for some weeks been meditating giving you a plain pen picture, perhaps backed up by photographs, to tell you just what is the state and work of the Industrial School here. Ridicule is cheap and easy; and the state of both accounts, plant and methods of work here were, and are, such that the temptation to say something unkind was very great.

So much so that when a cooly from Mr. Hastings, a week ago last Sat. p.m., brought your letter telling of the sad news about Mr. Smith's disease my first thought and feeling was of deep thankfulness that I had been kept or hindered from writing to you anything that I should have to regret in the light of this later news. I had, the night before, written my brother a long, semi-humorous account of what he would find if he were to step into one part of the Industrial School.

But your letter, with its statement of Mr. Smith's condition and his plans for the remainder of his active days lays upon me, more than ever, the duty of writing to you plainly and fully just how things are here. And I do this not only with the permission of, but according to the wish of, the other two members of the Mission. I have just finished a long letter to Mr. Smith in which I wrote not one unkind word nor did fail to write one bit less plainly than I intend to now to you. First let me assure you that what I have to say about the Industrial School does not at all apply to the Training School. This latter is carried on in a most business-like way, with a good, competent staff, and the Head Master, Rev. Samuel Veraghatti is a rare man, thoroughly to be relied upon. He has been a great comfort to me since I came here. I have counseled with him freely and have never found him taking any personal advantage of either my ignorance or my good-will. It is largely to his efforts that the School is becoming so thoroughly

vangelical that when a boy comes here to study it is almost a foregone conclusion with his relatives that he will become a Christian. The school is doing a most excellent work also educationally.

But about the Industrial School. In the first place, strictly speaking it is not an <u>industrial</u> school at all: it has not for its aim and actual accomplishment the training of boys in one or more handicrafts to send them out as skilled workmen, fitted to increase the wealth of the Christian community by their wages, and increase the quality of work done by their crafts. Instead, it is three industries — carpentry, printing and book-binding, — housed on mission premises, in the buildings of, or adjoining, the Training School, with a paid staff of more or less competent workmen who have the privileges of boarding in the boarding department of the Training School. All the boys of the Training School are required to work in some one of the three departments of the Industrial School for three hours a day

two days a week
during the 42 weeks of the school year so that each one shall have to his credit at least the 300 hours a year required by the Educational Department of Government. The boys are credited from the Industrial School funds for their labor and against this they are debited for their books & supplies, fines and arrears of tuition, and the like. Incidentally the Industrial School gets a good grant from the Gov't upon the boys it presents for examination who have completed the full required 300 hours of work and can do the quite elementary work given them in examination by the School Inspector, who is not himself a skilled mechanic, type-setter or book-binder.

The Ceylon Gov't is far behind the Madras and Bombay Presidencies in India in its Industrial Education: this is the first year that it classifies candidates for examination. So far as I can learn heretofore one boy might be presented year after year for the same general examination in the rudiments of his craft. There used to be other subjects

which a grant was allowed,- tin-smitting
agriculture and masonry were among them.
Now only the three mentioned above as
being taught here are recognized by the Board.
The present system makes the industrial
work here a <u>means</u> not an <u>end</u>: the boys
are all being trained to become school-teach-
ers and regard their industrial work as
I regarded my gymnastics in college, and
as sloyd and manual training for "hand and
eye" are regarded in Boston public schools.
I am enthusiastic for <u>industrial</u> train-
ing: it was partly to learn more that I came
over here. I did not come to criticize and
feel all the incongruity of a young man
criticizing the work of one many years
my senior. But facts are facts, and this
school is not doing what its name implies
it is doing, and before many years unless
the Schools' method is very greatly changed this
Government will utterly refuse to thus
subsidize a private mercantile affair
that gives 900 hours of <u>manual</u> training in
a year and calls it <u>industrial</u> training.
I am but voicing the contention and op-
position of the rest of the Mission but based

upon my own observations.
But this is not all: the Industrial Department exercises not only a non-moral but an immoral influence upon the boys as it is now conducted; as the supervision is not strict enough to keep the men at work faithfully when they are supposed to be working, and minor peculations of timber, tools or work done for outsiders go undetected and unpunished. Some of the men employed are nominally Christian but their lives and influence are quite against us. I am not in position to dismiss any of them, as it is not a Mission enterprise. In fact it is an anomalous state of affairs: the school is on the Mission Compound and partially housed in Mission buildings but was set up by funds collected by private individuals and probably now held in an individual's name. And yet the money was doubtless largely or mainly given for missionwork.
If the property is transferred to the Board and the Mission includes industrial training as a part of its educational policy as

has been done by our other two Indian missions I feel sure it can be made a success. Its reorganization should include besides taking up industrial work for half a day at bench or table, the rigid exclusion of all other side affairs such as photography, clock repairing and stained glass windows, and along with a closer supervision of workers and work, a better class of workmen - either out and out Christians or out and out Hindus. Quite a large sum will be necessary to properly finish the buildings: one of those which Miss Leitch's book speaks of of built consists of four walls with a few naked rafters in the air and a growth of grass and brambles within. The other, the cabinet shop is roofed over with tiles but has no floor save the bare ground and the walls are unfinished and unplastered. New tools and a little funds to buy stock are urgently needed. The steam sawmill plant now that it has been installed will probably for some time be a source

income rather than of expense. It is the only one of the kind in this part of the country and does far cheaper and better work that the heavy native handsaws can; but its custom is limited to the distances within which cart hire is not prohibitive.

In spite of the somewhat discouraging outlook and the bad name that poor work has given the School I believe that it can be made both self supporting and a means of training boys to become skilled carpenters, typesetters and printers and book-binders. But the work is such that I think it should have the services of a layman sent out for that alone and under the Board's direction.

We still regard ourselves as loaned to this mission by our own for not over two years and we hope to return to the Madura mission. If the young man found by the Misses Leitch and Mr. Smith could be sent out at once, as well as the family to take Mr. Smith's place here, and another for Kodaikanal in case Mr. Hastings goes to Battur

otta, it would be better all around, as
could be doing a full share of the work
hile the newcomers give their whole
ime to the language and I could help
r. Dickson in getting acquainted with
he peculiar conditions here without
having to pay too dearly for his experience.
For the natives of Jaffna have scant res-
ect for a white man, especially a young
hite man and take almost as much
leasure though perhaps in less direct
ays, as a set of college boys do, to see what
tuff there is in the newcomer.
We are very glad and grateful for the
estoration of full allowances: we are glad
o that the Board has decided to retain its
ork here, or at least no serious step
as taken without thorough, direct
vestigation.

You will be glad to learn of Mrs. Holton's
ontinuance in improving health and of
he welfare and growth of the two children.
oo, and feeling better and stronger than two
nth ago.

Sincerely Yours,
Edward P. Holton

Tellippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon. February 25th, 1899.

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Rev. James L. Barton,
American Board Rooms,
Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

J. L. B. Rec'd 4-10-99 Ans'd MAY 5 1899

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Please pardon me for not having replied to your question in your letter of Jan. 4th, before this. The letter came nearly 3 weeks ago, and I ought to have attended to it at once, but allowed other work to come in and prevent. I have just been laid up for over a week with a bad abcess, which prevented my walking or sitting up I have had one each year for the past four years, and so may hope that this will be my last for this year. I think that I should have gotten at this a week earlier than I do now, but for that affliction.

Your question was as to what openings there would be for graduates of Jaffna College in the Madura Mission, in view of the caste trouble I have met here on account of my low caste servants. My answer would be that the question of caste would not affect it in the least. The caste question cuts only one way: a higher caste man will cook for the lower, or teach, or render any other service. The trouble begins when a low caste man attempts to cook for, or teach, those of a higher caste. As no low caste boys are admitted to the higher schools over here there is no caste trouble either in the schools nor with their graduates finding employment elsewhere. But the day has long passed since the time when any considerable number of men would go from Jaffna to work in the Madura Mission. Higher wages are paid here, and to the south of us in the main part of the island of Ceylon, than are paid in any part of the Madura Mission. I think it would be a safe estimate to say that all wages run 50 % higher here than in the Madura Mission: a catechist there gets from Rs. 10 to Rs. 12, on the average, here men of about the same calibre get Rs. 15 to Rs. 18. There is a greater amount of wealth per capita here than there. Moreover the Christians here are still living in the closest relations with their Hindu relatives attending their marriage and funeral celebrations, largely giving to and receiving from them in marriage. This was advanced to me as one of the chief reasons why the low caste brethren should not be treated as equals in the church, - that it would cause a serious breach with their Saivite, i.e. Hindu, relatives. When a man becomes a Christian over in India he usually expects persecution and the loss of his inheritance: here, I judge it is the rare exception instead of the rule.

But to recur to the educational question again: in the northern rt, or rather the central part of India, East and South-East of the mbay Presidency, where the Missions have not been so long established d where institutions for training men theologically have not been stablished, the demand for such trained workers is great, and the money hat they have not been putting into educational plant they are able put into higher wages. Thus there is an opening and a demand for y surplus of men trained either at Jaffna or Pasumalei. The trouble as been that the demand has been greater than the supply and these eedy fields at the North have drawn off men from the southern Mission hen they could ill be spared.

Thus if Ceylon, or Jaffna rather, for there is very little communication between Ceylon and India, beside that of Jaffna, I think, - is to be a "key to India", it will have to be mainly to the provinces north of the Madras Presidency. And that not to any very great extent after the new railway puts Jaffna in reach of the developing tracts to the south of us, where the Government offices will be greatly increased.

There will first need to be a missionary spirit, to replace the present worldly, commercial spirit, before the "key" can be very efficiently used. But that is a need that we share with the Church universal. I believe Jaffna College is a strategic point and can yet do a great work for the Master and is worthy of the fullest support.

Sincerely Yours, Edward P. Holtom.

J. L. B.
4-10-99

Rev. Edwin P. Hotchkiss
Tellippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon,
Saturday, March 4th, 1899

Rec'd
MAR 8 1899

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Dear Dr. Barton:-

I am very sorry for the delay in my finishing my business letter to you, but I have been very driven with work and frequently interrupted and I cannot use my typewriter at noon times - the time when I am most free from class work in the Training School, as the house is so poorly built that I cannot use my typewriter in any part of it without disturbing the children at their noon sleep, which is all too broken by the heat, the crows and the obstreperous natives who regard it as their inalienable right to talk as loudly as they please in passing along the only way to the Training School, along the whole front of our house. I have even had to resort to locking the gates at noon to secure the abatement of this nuisance and have to lock them at night to keep out our neighbors who seem to consider us their legitimate prey.

But I did not intend to allude to such petty annoyances while we are threatened with a really grave danger. And I do this not with any intention of complaining

ut to call your attention to what I
ink was the cause of Mr. Smith's illness
o may be the cause of yet more trouble.
Over in India all the houses of our mis-
ion, save possibly two, are built with ter-
ced roofs; that is, heavy beams and flat
nearly flat, masonry roofs of double
ickness. They are expensive but admir-
ly adapted to keep out the heat. All the
iving rooms are 16 feet high. Over here
uch roofs were not built, either because
ey were thought unnecessary or too costly.
nstead sloping roofs covered with small
untry tiles were built. This leaves two
r three rooms 16' high and the verandah
oms with walls 8 to 10 feet high. Mats
e put on rafters at the height of the
alls to shut out bats, rats and dust and to
ve added protection from the heat.
There is almost no clay here in coral
ormation Jaffna and the tiles were imported
ars ago in boats from India, thus making
em much more expensive than there
hey deteriorate with age and the tempta-
ion is to let them go too long without

oming, as many of them get broken in
e handling. So the country tile roofs many
them leak badly. I do not know that
ny of the missionaries have suffered from the
evailing malarial fever for this cause, but
should not be surprised if they have.
Mr. Smith imported a ship-load some 100,000
or so of patent Calicut tiles made by the Basle
ission on the west coast of India and he put
em freely upon every bungalow, church
d school where he had authority. They
e sightly and a splendid protection from
ampness in the heavy rainy season but
ey let through an enormous amount of
eat. This the natives do not mind so very
uch, but it affects white people most ad-
rsely. Some have fever after an over exposure
he heat, others, as in my case, have trouble
om their livers. The liver becomes torpid,
e bowels at first sluggish and then dyspep-
ic in their action. Loss of appetite, sleep and
ength follow. I was suffering from just
ese troubles last August and September
d I gave up going out before 4 p.m. alto-
ther and still in spite of a thorough use

the usual remedies I kept growing
orse until my dysentery attack of Nov.
to Dec. laid me up entirely. It was after
t one day that on looking up I felt the
at beating down on my face from the
ts overhead here in my study - a verandah
om - and from that time to this, 3 months
always wear my hat - a good thick pith one,
om 9 a.m. until after 3 p.m. It will probably
sult in my losing my hair but I am feeling
uch better in general health. But as the
t season is coming on now even the
"safe rooms" of the house, with 16' walls, and
ts overhead, are becoming so hot that
eel they are unsafe: even little 2 year old
ix is having liver trouble and responds only
ery slowly to the medicine that over in
dia used to work promptly and efficiently.
Miss Howland's is the only other inhabited
use thus tiled. I have had to give up all
eaching or attending morning services in
her Tellippalai or Pandateruppu churches
cause they hold their services so late in
e forenoon that the heat becomes too great
r me to bear it.

should be quite interested to know Dr. Emerson's opinion whether a cancer on the liver would be likely to be caused by over exposure to the heat. I am not dopt on the subject but I realize that I have been greatly weakened in my former power to withstand the heat over in India where during the hottest part of the days our bungalows are both shady and cool. Here the glare from the white limestone roads is exceedingly trying to both eyes and skin.

If Mr. Hastings is sent to Batticotta to assume charge of Jaffna College, unless some family is sent to us from America to take his place at Udupitti to care for the Girls' Boarding School there we shall probably be sent over there and care for work here from there. Not I shall try to have these rooms ceiled. We very much need to go to the Hills to recuperate and have been planning to all along but Mr. Hastings authorized Mr. Tracy to rent the Jaffna House at Kodaikanal for 4 months supposing that we could arrange with Mr. Tracy for rooms in some one of our own mission houses but it seems there is

unusual demand for rooms at
odei this season and Mr. Tracy has filled
l his houses and reports to me that he
ows of no vacant houses now available.
have written and telegraphed but as yet have
ceived nothing but negative replies. We feel
hat we must get away somewhere during
his and next month and so are making
eparations to go, so as to be ready when the
ay shall open if indeed God opens a way.

I feel I must call your attention privately
what may yet be a very pressing need.
f Mr. Smith is not to return and Mr. Hastings
es to Batticotta to make good Dr. S.'s Howlands
lace then two families should be sent out
t once to get to work at the language as
on as possible. We are loaned by our Mission
only two years and if we are recalled by
e end of that time or if we have to give up
nd come home as at times it seems very likely
e the case a very heavy burden will fall
pon Messrs Hastings and Scott stationed as
ey will be at one side of the Mission.
I know that to you who lived so far
ome important centers of work in

our immense Turkish Station 25 and
miles of level macadamized road would
em a bagatelle - especially with a daily
ail service, telegraph and so many pas-
s. And so it did to me when I first came
ere but I must say that the more
perience one has here the less he feels
clined to leave the native brethren
themselves, - especially such a matter
a girls' boarding school. The pastors
both Udupitti & Meharakacheri, as at Tellip-
lai and Batticotta, are old men and ill
ted to bear heavy or more than nominal cares.
The Jaffna churches have had self sup-
rt, or self-government rather, laid upon
em before they were fit for it. Worldliness
apparent everywhere. Jaffna is a rich
untry: there are almost no poor here.
ere is abundant work and wages for all, -
te in contrast with India. The result
s been to make it extremely hard for con-
rts to break with their Hindu relatives
d give up their share of the patrimony
"Better bend than break" seems to be the
otto of most of the people here and

e Christians tolerate and countenance
any things at their weddings and funerals
hat would be a burning disgrace to any
der conscience. This worldliness is
own in their Christian benevolences - I am
most ashamed to use that word. The
Misses Leitch's testimony on this subject is
tterly untrustworthy. I do not know of one
ingle solitary instance of a voluntary, honest
thing of income here. I underscore volun-
ary because all mission teachers are re-
ired to give one tenth of their salaries to the
tor's support and the Pastor in turn forfeit
e tenth or pay it back to the Church Treas. to
lp make up their salaries or to aid the Poor
h' there are rarely any poor, unless possibly
phans at schools. This is far from volun-
ry; and it is well known that the
"Independent Christians", as they are called
distinguish them from those paid by
Mission, give most pitifully small
ms. None that I have yet heard of even
rofesses to give a tenth, unless maybe a
nth after their living expenses are
ducted. Even the touching account

the house - mother's taking out a
handful of rice for the Lord when
king out the grain for the day's use
s to disappear when the Church col-
ector reads his monthly report of the
ain collections unless, indeed, the house-
other inculcates thrift and charity at
he same time by calling the littlest
oddler and letting him take out the
ord's handful. This would be on a par
ith Barrie's Scotch ha'pence provided
r each member of the family Saturday
ight against the morrow's collection.
I know this must sound dreadfully
nical but alas! - in vain one preaches
om Malachi III:10, they simply know
at St. Paul got his quotation of Jesus'
ords twisted and that he meant to say,
is more blessed to receive than to give".
hen reading that passage during the taking
of their offerings I frequently pause be-
e the last word in Tamil - the first in
glish, and after saying it "Remember", I
peat the verse and substitute the similar
rd "Believe" and remind them that to
ubly believe is better than to remember alone

even our Pastors have to be watched
nd even then they manage to influence
heir people to increase their salaries out of
ll proportion: this is a growing evil which
he mission seems helpless to check. This I
know is a great peep into the skeleton-
closet and I might not be thanked for
iving you a peep into it; but until you
re able to come here and spend a month
eing things for yourself I must ask
ou to take the missionaries at their
word when they claim that the Japanese
hristians are not quite ripe for - I was
empted to say translation but that might
ound flippant, instead I'll say, - being left
heir own direction.

I do hope the two families may be found
o sent soon: I urge Mr. Hasting to write
o both but he hopes that we will stay
here. We will if necessary until our
urlough comes due but I believe, now,
hat I'd resign before coming back here
ow. It would have been all right if I
had come here in the first place. But I must
o this infliction upon you.

Sincerely Yours, Edward P. Holton

JUL 14 1899
OCT 9 1899

Rev. E. P. Holloway

American Mission House,
Tellippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon,
Friday, June 9th 1899.

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ar Dr. Barton:-

We reached home here safely just
week ago this morning after a
hole week spent on the journey from
dikanal via, Madura, Tuticorin &
lombo - owing (this circuitous route)
the Ceylon Gov't strict quarantine
gulations, closing all the ports of the
land, save that one, against India
the hope of keeping out the Plague
hich each rainy season has been
vancing southward and eastward.

Your very kind and appreciative
tter of May 5th came night before
st and I mean to show my regret
r past neglect and silence by giv-
g it a prompt answer.

have more than once felt ashamed
the complaining tone of my last
tter and yet I suppose it is only
r that we should inform you of
r trials and difficulties: not merely
ll you of our successes and our hopes.
o not think that I wrote in a com-
aining spirit. At that time, March 4th
was quite uncertain whether we should

succeed in finding any place to go to at Kodaikanal as, through a misunderstanding Mr. Hastings had rented the whole of Jaffna House for 3 months. But we finally secured a native house for 2 months and left here March 2 and after a few days spent in visiting at Madura we went up April 1st.

It turned out a rather unfortunate venture: the house had an iron roof with no tiles on it and for the first 10 days it rained everyday, and some days nearly all day, and the roof resounded like a drum. It was very trying to Mrs. Holton's nerves. Then when fair weather came the heat poured through the roof, dangerous. There were no stoves in the house and the fireplaces were poor heaters so that we all caught colds and the baby had bronchitis for 2 weeks and required most careful and constant care to prevent its becoming pneumonia. Then the beds - native ones were well not conducive to rest. Finally we were close to the native village and far removed from all other missionaries with a steep hill to climb to reach them. This last took Mrs. Holton the worst of all as she was not strong, and sewing and reading were interdicted by the doctor and

ole resort was to get out and see
eople. She came down from
e hills much reduced in flesh and
rength. Both Drs. Van Allen & Miss
rker, as well as some of the doctors of
ther missions, advised her return to
merica: some of them plainly say
at they think she will never be
etter until she has returned to our
ol New England climate. But Dr.
an Allen, in whose judgement we have
uch faith, was in favor of trying
e sea air of Jaffna once more for
w few months and this Mrs. Hotton
as willing to do for my sake and
e little children's although she long
r home and health. I think
that she should be given much
redit for her patience in the past
½ years of ill health and her wil-
ingness to stay on when she feels
at the return is what she needs.
She feels that she could not bear
undertake the journey without me
en with other friends, and she is
ith to take me away from here
fore help comes to this mission.
I think that my own health was
ery greatly benefitted by the 8 weeks
ttle hills: we could get no gardener

or cooly at first, and later only a young inexperienced boy, so as we had to have quantities of suitable fire wood every day I had to chop it. I had 3 or 4 winters training at chopping on a Vermont farm, in my boy-young man-hood and so after a few days breaking in I got to doing good work & enjoyed it. It took me out of doors & kept me away from my books & accounts which I fetched back here for the most part untouched - and therefore had a great amount of work to get through now. All the Madura friends were most cordial - surprisingly so - and made us feel, constantly, that they regarded us as still one of the number. Indeed, I think that our return next year was counted upon by the mission in settling the question of dividing or retaining the Tirupuvanam Station as they. During our little boy's fortnight of bronchitis all were most kind and helpful, - not alone of our mission - especially Dr. H. C. Parker who attended the case most faithfully, coming down the steep hill twice a day and sometimes - 3 at least - helping in the night watching. We feel very grateful to her and to all the other friends for their sympathy and great kindness

the children are now both in the
st of health: little Olive, now nearly
years and 5 months old, is learning to
ress herself quite fully and is a very
ight active child, - a great comfort to
r mother. Henry is now 9 months
d and within 2 or 3 pounds of Olive's
eight. He is a very good child, of
ost sunny temper, and requiring
very little attention beyond his phys-
al needs. We daily thank God for
is blessings to us in our children.
One thing that taxed Mrs. Holton's
strength severely while at the Hills
was the untrustworthiness of our ayah.
It was her disobedience to orders and
e consequent neglect of the baby
hat caused his bronchitis. We later
earned that she had poisoned two
babies by giving them opium to
low herself more freedom while
ey slept. We did not thereafter dare
leave the children with her. So
sent to Madras and, through the
Y.C.A., secured a Eurasian nurse
ined by Mrs. David McCanaghy, and
ully trustworthy body and after
r arrival only did Mrs. Holton begin
get any benefit from the Hills.
e dismissed the old ayah - who was
evish and quarrelsome as well as

slothful and we did not give he
any credentials to allow her to im
pose herself upon others. It was a
missionary lady, whose child sh
had just confessed to poisoning, wh
recommended her to us!

Our Eurasian nurse does not
very much more wages than w
gave the ayah - Rs 12.00 instead of Rs
but we have to furnish her board a
pay her dhobi and sweeper and trav
expenses - which of course amount
as much as for one of ourselves, thus
increasing our expenses very greatly
Mrs. Holton's medicines too, coming
almost entirely outside of whatever
amount the Board allows Dr. Scott
our family, have amounted to a larg
We have to feed the boy entirely, and th
little girl in large part. on milk an
Mellin's Food, which two items alon
amount to more than the 50% allo
ance for each. Thus you see we fe
that the new rate of allowance in th
Madura Mission for children un
7 years is more nearly what it sho
be. However we expect to be greate
as members of this Mission this ye
and shall be content with wha
we are allowed here.

I was very much pained by ou

atter that came up in the Madura
ission business meeting, namely, the
mand by this Mission for something
ee Rs135. for expense of putting this
ouse into condition for our coming
d for medical attendance during Mrs.
lton's confinement and my illness
e to this unsafe roof. It seemed
just to the Madura Mission after
had loaned us to this Mission to be
ked to pay for our house repairs and
dical attendance here. I had intended
insist that if it is required by the
oard from the Madura Mission that
hould pay it myself but I found I
as quite unable to as I am now situated.
hope that it can be adjusted either
Boston or here without being laid
the already overburdened Madura
ission. I suppose, at the bottom,
e trouble is due to the Madura Mis-
on's not yet having come into line
th the other Missions on the Board's
le of house-rent. I think myself that
e Madura Mission should be made
do so, soon, however reluctant.

Later. Saturday morning. I was
terrupted there to have to attend
e funeral of the wife of one of our
ch Mission neighbors, Mrs. J. Carter
ho died of malarial fever 8 days after
ild birth. She was to have gone home

with her husband on furlough indeed.

It was suggested while we were at Madura that as the furloughs of Drs. Chester, Jones, Tracy and of Messrs. Elwood and Holton all come one within a year of each other it might be best for some to go a little earlier and some a little later and that as our return to Madura from here next June would be only 18 months before my ten years would be up perhaps it might be well for us to come then. No action was taken on this was Mr. Perkins' suggestion in view, partly of our broken health, partly of the disorganized condition of the Mission if 4 or 5 families were to go on furlough at the same time.

I have taken all my time and more in writing a personal letter, quite contrary to my intention. I shall write to you again soon giving you reply to your questions about self-support.

I enclose a little proof that came last evening from Mrs. Dr. Chester of a photo she took of our little folks 2 weeks ago, the day we left the hill. Will you kindly send it on to my mother Mrs. S. N. Holton, Newburyport, Mass.

Sincerely yours,

Edward P. Hol

Rev. E. P. Holtom
Tellippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon.
Saturday, Aug. 26th, 1899.

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Dear Dr. Barton;-

Please consider this a personal friendship letter even though I may make mention of business matters in it. My Longfellow Birthday Book shows me that your birthday comes on the 23rd of next month and I have been planning to send you greetings and good wishes that should reach you by that day but I fear I shall just miss it as the mail steamer does not leave Colombo until the 31st and it takes nearly 4 weeks from there now that the southwest monsoon causes head-seas.

Last May, up at Kodaikanal, I asked a very dear little sister missionary, the wife of my friend George S. Eddy, to please write her name in my Birthday Book. "I will, if it means prayer" she said. I told her frankly that that was quite a new thought for me but that I would try to follow it. I have not in every case, as sometimes I forget it, but I keep the little book handy on my desk and I often turn its pages to see whose anniversaries are coming.

I shall try to remember you on
the 28th proximo and follow Mrs. Eddy's
beautiful thought.
You already must know something
of Mr. Eddy, I am sure. If others have
not written I am quite certain that
I wrote you from Kodaikanal in '97
how much good he and Mr. Max K.
Moorhead had been instrumental in
doing in Bible study, prayer circle and
public addresses in revealing to many
the secret of the practice of the presence
of God. The fruits of that season are
still abiding in several lives I know.
Mr. Eddy came over here June 16th
for a four weeks "mission" among the
students. He held about 45 meetings in
that time besides many private conver-
sations - indeed private talks with the
boys was his chief aim and favorite way
of reaching them. Many others than
students gladly came to some of his more
public meetings. He addressed our Ec-
clesiastical Body here in its semi annual
meeting and later led the devotional
meeting of our monthly missionary
meeting (of all the missionaries in the
Jaffna Peninsula) with a stirring address
on The Overcoming Life. He is a man
mighty in Scripture and in prayer.

we had him here with us the first
and last 36 hours of his stay in Jaffna
and he returned our hospitality by
speaking most plainly the message
that he felt God had laid upon him.
He had seen for some time, in '97
and again this year, on the hills, Mrs.
Colton's "nervousness" and he saw
clearly, what I had, vaguely, - that it
was a spiritual rather than a physi-
cal or even mental cause. I had
welcomed Dr. F. E. Clark's "The Great Secret"
as a help to her - but it was quite the
other way. I had tried to help her to the
light but it was futile. But Mr. Eddy
with his utter and complete faith in
God's Word, coupled with his thorough
knowledge of men and the workings of
the human heart, was able to bring
her conviction first as to the hidden
cause, and secondly the way to remove
it. From that very day, July 11th, the day
he left Jaffna, her life has been entirely
changed. Our home has been far happier
than it had been for years. She has had
no more of her nervous fears and un-
controlable fits of restlessness. She has
found time and strength to take up
family prayers with the servants, S. S.
work and meetings with the Bible Women

Her indigestion still causes her
casional trouble and she has to
careful about her food: in part
think this is due to the loss of all her
under teeth - a loss that cannot be rem-
ied until we come home. I am in
most as bad a state - with only one pair
cluding grinders on each side and
e of each pair in very poor state.
The change in Mrs. Holton's health
most marked. Indeed she was so
ably off at one time that it really
emed as though we should have to
graph for leave to come home.
three of the four missionary doctors
Kodikanal advised our speedy
turn: Dr. Van Allen alone advised
nother six months' trial of the sea
at Jaffna but he, too, told me he
but little hope for her.
So we have all the more cause for
icing, first for her new spiritual
alth and second for her very greatly
proved physical health.
he children too are in the best of health
little boy will be a year old in a
ek and will be almost able to walk
me by then: he is a strong healthy
ghtful boy. My own health is
ch better than it was a year ago
the damp sea air is worse for my
ronchi than was the dry Indian air.

I hear, by way of Mr. Hastings, that
Dr. Nehemiah Boynton's church at
Detroit is ready to meet Mr. Dickson's
support but that the Forward
movement is to be devoted to the sup-
port of existing work and the men
already in the field. I hope very
much that you or the Prudential
Committee can see your way to in-
clude Mr. Dickson in this class.
I am loaned to this Mission to help
covering Mr. Smith's absence, but
Mr. Smith is not likely to return. If
I should, for any reason be urgently
needed over in the Madura Mission
I should have to go, at the expense of
his work. Mr. Hastings and Dr. Scott
are, seemingly, just all the work on
their hands that they can do.
It is the opinion of us all that what-
ever the exigencies, Mr. Brown should
be given his first full year to study
the language, - without any other assigned
work. This is the rule of the Madura
Mission, and a most wise one, too.
In view of this I am going to ask the
Madura Mission to allow us to stay
here the whole of next year or 6 months
longer than the original term so that
Mr. Brown can have his full first
year. If only Mr. Dickson could be

ent out at the same time, or before
he end of the year I think we could be
a great deal of help to him so that he
ould not get his experience with
he Japanese too dearly. That would
ut this mission into very good shape
nd strength and we could go back to
ur own mission feeling that we had
en of real service here in their need.
I rejoice to think of your probable
oming out here with the Deputation
ext year. You will be able to under-
and things so much better from a
irst-hand study. I should prefer to
ive in our own mission to welcome
u there - where our work is more
a genuinely evangelistic nature, but
eel as though the Lord had brought
here for a purpose or rather for
veral purposes (some of which I think
ou clearly see) and I shall be glad to
elcome you to our home here and
ow you what I can.
I count it one of the rewards of our
oming here that I have come to know
r. Hastings, whom I love as a brother
ut as I love two men - Vaughan
Perkins - in our own mission. Mr.
stings is a man of rare, good gentle nature.
I have not time for more now.
With kindest regards to yourself and to
rs. Barton, I am, Sincerely yours,
Edward P. Holton

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Tellippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon.
Saturday, October 7th, 1899.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

I have not written to you for some time, and what I do write now is of a varied nature. We had our Annual Mission Meeting at Manippay last Thursday, the 5th, as usual at the same time that the Board's Annual Meeting was in session. There were fully 500 people present. Every seat in the large church, and in the room at one side, was taken and the closest attention was given. I was the appointed leader. The four speakers were four of the Mission's pastors, and all said that they spoke very finely. The veteran, Pastor T.P. Hunt gave the story of the past year's work of the Board; his son-in-law, Rev. S. Eliyathambi spoke of the work of the Native Evangelical Society, of which he is the Secretary; Rev. William Joseph, of Jaffna College followed with a very able address on "The Lighting of the Dark Continent"; and Pastor Bryant gave an address on the command, "Be ye filled with the Spirit."

The overland mail of the evening before had brought the circular letter from the Interdenominational Foreign Missionary Committee, and I had taken it to our Head Master here, Pastor Samuel Verahatti, for him to translate it. He did so, and read it after the last address. There will probably be replies sent to it by the individual Pastors. After a ten minutes intermission, the meeting closed with a Communion Service conducted by Dr. T.B. Scott and Pastor James M. Sanders. The whole sessim lasted from 11.a.m. to 3.p.m. of a very bright, hot day. This was necessary because many of the people came from a distance and had to return the same evening as there was no place for them to stay over night.

The other matter about which I wish to write to you will be largely understood from the reading of the enclosed copy of a letter I am this morning sending to Dr. Jones. You may have already heard something about it from him, in his Minutes of the recent September Meeting. I had written asking that we might be allowed to stay here throughout the whole of next year, so that the newcomers might be free for a whole year of undisturbed study of the Tamil. I then referred to a suggestion of Mr. Perkins' a few months ago, that as the Chesters, Tracys, Jones, Elwoods and myself all came out within a year of each other it might be well for some to go home on furlough earlier than others. And that our return to our own Mission might weal be preceeded by our furlough rather than to be stationed for a single year or two. At that time Mrs. Holton's state of health seemed to require some such step; but since our return here she has improved so much that this is not at all necessary. I wrote this seeking to learn as early as possible the Mission's wish in the matter. Dr. Jones' reply was as follows:- "In reference to your request about yourselves the following was voted:- 'That we advise Mr. & Mrs. Holton to seek permission from the Prudential Committee to return directly from Ceylon to America for their furlough at such a time as to enable them to return here for work no later than January, 1902'" The enclosed will show our reasons for not making that request at once. I do not know that what I have written will make any difference with the Mission as to its recommendation; but, the facts being such as they are, I wish them to know, and to receive their reply before writing to the Prudential Committee. I shall write as soon as I hear again from Dr. Jones, in case his answer is favorable. Meanwhile we are not mentioning the matter to any of our friends in America, save yourself.

The children are both quite well, though rather pallid, as children usually are, here. Mrs. Holton has been ill for a week with dysentery but is nearly well again, now, but of course has to be very careful lest she has a relapse. I have had another tough of the sun from this unsafe roof, resulting in a bilious attack, but I am now nearly well again.

Please remember me most kindly to Mrs. Barton. Sincerely yours,

Edward P. Holton

Kindly hand the enclosed to Mr. Scott.

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Tellippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon. Friday, October 6th, 1899.

Dear Dr. Jones:-

Your letter of the 29th, ultimo, was duly received last Wednesday evening, and we have had its contents much in our minds since. I have communicated, yesterday, to Mr. Hastings and to Dr. Scott your, - that is, the Mission's, - reply to the request of the Jaffna Students' Foreign Missionary Society's request about the Thondi field. It was all that could be expected and is, I am sure, quite satisfactory. I hope that in a very few weeks, at the utmost, you shall have a more definite request from the fully formed Society.

About the second part of your letter I must say that we were at first rather taken by surprise by it, and were a little disappointed. Our object in writing had been wholly in behalf of this Mission, to reassure it, and to give it and its new-comers as much help as possible in giving them a full year for unhindered study of the language. Our further request about going home on furlough a year before that furlough would in ordinary course come due, was mainly a secondary consideration, and more for the Madura Mission's sake than our own. For Mrs. Holton's health is so much improved over what it was when we came here, and the children are so well, that there appeared to be no necessity of our going home on their accounts before 1902.

The Mission's vote amounts to a negative to our request to stay here throughout next year, unless at the expense of our stay in America, which would have to be reduced to less than half a year, as it would be unwise for us to take the children into raw New England weather until the Spring is well advanced. On the other hand we cannot escape the feeling that Madura's need of us is far greater than Jaffna's with its small territory, good roads and large force of Pastors trained "writers", and English-speaking teachers, who are able to help the missionaries greatly in the actual work of supervision and accounts. So that, after thinking over the Mission's vote, we have come to feel that it is a reasonable and just request.

But there is one thing that has come up since I previously wrote to you which we feel ought to be made known to you at once, before any thing further is done in the matter. Recent letters from Mrs. Holton's mother have made us very anxious for her welfare. She has no other child; her husband has to be away from home all day, as he is a day-laborer at the Mass. State Agricultural College farm. They have not means to afford hired help, and there are very few neighbors upon whom they could call or depend in ~~case of~~ sickness. Mrs. Sears has been far from strong, or even well, for some time; and her weakness and loneliness have been all too apparent in her letters, although she has striven bravely to keep them out and to appear cheerful. We have been fearing for some time that when we once go home we may have to stay there to make a home for her. If that is the Lord's will for us we shall have to do so, much as we shall desire to return to India.

On the other hand it may be our only chance to meet her, or perhaps going now and securing proper medical attention and the operation that ~~seems to~~ may be necessary will be the only thing needed to restore her to better health than she has known for some years. We feel that the Mission should be made acquainted with these facts before advantage is taken by us of this vote. I shall write to Dr. Barton at once and fully, but I shall not make any request of the Prudential Committee until I hear from you again. If we were to delay our leaving here until May or June of next year, until one or two of the other families could return from the hills, we should still fulfill the terms of the original "loan" of us to this Mission, and there would be no reason for complaint on its part. I will only add that Mrs. Holton and I have counselled and prayed over the matter and, so far as we know our own hearts we are quite as ready to stay as to go; we simply wish to do what is for the best, - that is, what is God's will for us.

Most Sincerely yours, Edward P. Holton

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Tellippalai, Jaffna Ceylon. Oct. 25th, 1899.

To the Prudential Committee
of the American Board, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Gentlemen:-

By a recent vote of the Madura Mission we are allowed to ask your permission to come home on furlough in season to return for permanent work in that Mission by January 1902. This permission is sought partly from family and health considerations, and partly because the furloughs of so many of us who came out in the fall of 1891 come due so close together that it seems advisable for some to go home earlier. It also seems best that we should take our furlough at once rather than to return to Madura to be stationed for only a single year or two. If we are to come home next year we should prefer to arrive there as early in the Spring as it may be safe to bring our little children from the tropics into the uncertain, variable New England climate; that is, we should like to leave here by the latter part of March, before the worst heat comes on and the South West monsoon makes the Indian Ocean rough.

Respectfully yours,

Edward P. Holton.

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Tellippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon. October 25th, 1899.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
American Board Rooms, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Dr. Jones' reply to my letter, of which I enclosed a copy in my last letter to you, came on the evening of the 23rd, and as he saw no objection to our taking the Mission's permission, I am sending herewith our request to the Prudential Committee. Will you please submit it for me at the next meeting of the Committee and let me know their decision at as early a date as possible? I hardly dare ask you to cable to Mr. Hastings "Granted", on account of the expense, and yet for my wife's sake I would most gladly pay for such a cablegram, to relieve her of anxiety, - for she is in such a state that she will worry until we have received definite word from the Committee. I have a more urgent reason than that; I have seen in the papers that in view of the coming Paris Exposition all the steamer lines are having to ask intending passengers homeward to book their passage some months ahead to prevent disappointment. I see that passages for next March have been booked already, - they are among the Personal Items of the Colombo papers. I have written to two or three different agents of various lines and I find that Thos. Cook & Sons at Colombo can do better by us on the North German Lloyd line than we can get elsewhere. But this firm and this line are doing so much business that I am told desirable accommodations for our family cannot be secured for us in advance unless a deposit of half the price of the tickets is made. I have written to them stating the circumstances and asking them if they cannot hold a suitable stateroom for me until I can receive word from you. For these reasons I think I should be justified in asking you to cable to Mr. Hastings if leave is granted to us. As I said above, it will mean so much to us that I shall be willing to bear the expense of the cablegram myself.

I enclose you a copy of my letter of yesterday to Dr. Jones; it will show you how a misunderstanding about my original request arose. Dr. Jones in his reply said that the possibility of our being detained in America would make no difference in the Mission's vote, so long as it was merely a possibility. I suppose that is true of any family returning on furlough: it cannot be absolutely certain of returning. We shll, however, leave our things at Madura in the expectation of coming back within the time designated.

The mail coach is liable to come along at any time now, so I must be brief. Our children are both quite well, and I am also. Mrs. Holton is confined to her bed this morning with a badly swollen face, - a peculiar form of prickley heat, the doctor pronounces it, caused by nothing else than mere indigestion. He prescribes a milk diet, but one of our cows gives no milk at all, the other gives not quite enough for one of the children, the other child fortunately can take condensed milk and thrives on it. We cannot buy milk anywhere near here.

Sincerely yours,

Edward P. Holton.

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Tellippalai, Jaffna, Tuesday, Oct. 24th, 1899.

Dear Dr. Jones:-

Your letter of the 16th came last evening. I am very sorry that I failed to make myself clear in both of my letters,-the first of them was written quite too hastily. My main object in writing the first was simply to reassure and help this Mission by a whole year's stay here after their new men had come. The question about our early going home after that was quite incidental, and I raised it simply that we might have a year's notice for our preparations.

In the second letter I meant to explain that we had the cause of this Mission so entirely in mind, and had thought so little about our going home soon that your answer was quite unexpected in its making that primary which had been only secondary, at least in my mind. Perhaps "disappointment" was too strong a word. But since your letter came matters have taken a different aspect: I gather that once the new men get here it will not matter so very much how soon we leave. Of course nothing so blunt as that has been said, but I feel we shall be much less needed than I had supposed. Mr. Hastings has most kindly expressed the hope that we may stay thrugh next year, at the same time he says if we are to go home next year we should plan to get across the Indian Ocean as early as we can and not wait until they have been up to Kodeikanal and returned,-as I had planned.

Furthermore, Mrs. Holton has begun to count more upon going home since the Mission's vote came than she had allowed herself to before. She has talked over her Mother's condition with one of the doctors here, and it is the latter's opinion that a simple operation, but one that would confine Mrs. Sears to the hospital for six weeks, if undergone soon, would be likely to restore here to good health once more. It is thought that her trouble has not yet reached a serious stage. But Mrs. Sears is timid and would not consent to an operation unless at our personal urging and insistence. Then Mrs. Holton's own condition is a matter of concern to me: her nervousness is now largely under control, but she is still very anaemic and her indigestion troubles her a great deal. She cannot digest meat or potato; the doctor tells her to live on milk, but we cannot get milk enough for both of the children. I think that her entire lack of double teeth is largely the cause of her indigestion, and that we cannot hope for much relief from it until the extra work laid upon her stomach is removed by a set of new teeth. I, too, suffer almost as great a paucity of grinders. Her face is quite swollen again, as it was four months ago; the doctor attributes it to her indigestion. For these reasons we shall act at once on the Mission's permission and write to the Prudential Committee. I am very hopeful that the way will be opened for our return by the time set by the Mission. In case the Prudential Committee's reply is favorable to our request we should neither of us wish to start from here without seeing again our own Mission and the friends in it. We should plan to auction off most of our things, leave here about the first of February and bring to Madura to be stored the few things we wish to keep, and leave there about the last of March. That would enable us to reach home about the middle of May, as early as we should dare to take the children from the tropics into the New England climate.

I have good news for you about the Jaffna Students' Mission: the engagement is announced of Mr. J. K. Chinnathambi, teacher in Jaffna College, to Miss Eliza Agnew, Dr. Scott's Madras-trained head nurse. He is the young man who three-quarters offered his services to the new Mission, and upon whose entire willingness the Society's whole formation hung. She is unqualifiedly the BEST young native woman we have either of us ever met,-well-educated, self-respecting, a leader among women and a thoroughly consecrated soul. I hear the Committee met last Sat and will call a final public ratification meeting before long.

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Tellippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon,
Saturday, Dec. 23rd 1899.

Rev. James L. Barton, D.D.,
American Board Rooms, Boston, Mass., U.S.A.

Dear Dr. Barton;

I regret very much my not having written to you before, during the three weeks since your cablegram came. My only plea is that I have been kept exceedingly busy and when night has come I have been too tired for any writing. I do not remember ever before treating my Mother so shabbily with short letters as I have had to the past month. I am writing this late at night so that I may be able to finish it early Monday morning. Little Olive is keeping us up to-night by a high fever such as she has rarely had.

We were very grateful for the Cablegram, in spite of this tardy acknowledgment of it. It greatly relieved us and has greatly helped us in being able to plan definitely and Mrs. Holton has now nearly completed the outfit for the children. I have to-day had to telegraph to Colombo for our berths in the North German Lloyd s.s. "Barbarossa" in which the agents tell me Dr. and Mrs. Washburn have engaged passage. The vessel is now on her way home from Australia and will return thither before sailing from Colombo March 31st cvica, and yet nearly every bit of her Second Class accommodations has been taken and she is the largest of their line over 10,000 tons. The large

steamer sailing two weeks later is even fuller having only sufficient accommodations for us remaining untaken six days ago. The Paris Exposition is greatly increasing homeward traffic this coming year.

I have had to do one thing concerning which I wish I could have consulted you first: that is I have engaged passage for our Eurasian nurse girl to come home with us. I wrote to Mr. Chandler for advice but he failed to reply: then I spoke to Mr. Hastings on the subject and he advised it. She will be a great help to us on the voyage especially as Mrs. Holton is not very strong and the children are active. She will be yet more helpful at home as both of our Mothers are advanced in years and not strong and we shall wish to have them with us as much as we can and yet Mrs. Holton will not be strong enough to do all the housework and care for the little ones. I shall also feel much freer to leave her to go on deputation work if I know that she will be left with a thoroughly reliable helper.

Mr. Hastings says that when they went home they took a native ayah to England and an English nurse thence to America and back and the expense therefor was allowed by Mr. Ward without any question.

But the Board may not have been in as straitened circumstances then as now. My intention has been to

ask that if you and Mr. Wiggin feel that her travelling expenses i.e. passage only, should not be charged to the Board, will you please allow us a lump sum for our passage home so much as is usually paid to bring a family of our size home from India and we will manage to keep within that amount. It was in that way Mr. Ward let us come out so that we might go across the Continent without extra charge to the Board. We have booked second class by one of the cheaper lines, and expect to come from England to Boston in the same way. Of course we have to supply the nurse's outfit ourselves. She is a most valuable servant, always good natured and willing, and thoroughly to be trusted about the children; she is neat and very well bred and one of our regrets at having to come home now was the having to lose her after our severe course of — native ayahs. I forbear to supply the adjectives befitting them. Will you please consult with Mr. Wiggin and let me know as soon as you can whether we may charge the nurse's passage or whether we will be allowed a lump sum, and if so how much?

As we have things to pack up to leave in Madura and others to sell, and as Mary wishes to revisit her relatives before leaving them to go so far we plan to leave here early in March after selling off at auction <u>all</u> our things that we wish to dispose of and then have 3 or 4 weeks in

the Madura Mission to dispose of our things there, complete our outfitting and acquaint ourselves as fully as possible with the conditions and needs now prevailing there, - for it is as members of that Mission that we wish to come home.

This last seems the more important to me as I believe every missionary should be exact and within the truth in his statements regarding mission lifes work and needs.

You have doubtless heard before this of the cordial welcome given to our new comers a week ago last Monday. I have not before seen the native Christians evince so much cordiality: tho' I hear they speed Miss Myers with great good will.

I think we all have been greatly drawn to all of the newcomers: Mr. Brown appears to be a man of rare gentleness and of tender spirit - very much like Mr. Hastings whom he is to relieve at Udupittii - one of the noblest men it has been my privelege to meet and know and love.

This is the season for annual meetings and accounts but it is still too early to tell clearly the results of the year's work: I think however it will show a general and widespread gain in the membership of the churches.

Christmas morning. Olive's fever was bad all yesterday and we were both up with her all last night but in the absence of other symptoms Dr. Scott thinks it only the malarial fever so prevalent each year at this season. With the Season's greetings, I remain, Sincerely yours, Edward P. Holton.

Allapally, S. India
Dec. 23, 1896.

Rev. H. H. Howland

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Oodoville, March 24, 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, —

Dear Dr. Clark,

I attach especial importance to your remark in your last letter as to working "with special reference to developing the native Christians into faithful Christian living, and earnest self denying effort for their countrymen;" and that "it is a time when the life of Christians seems likely to count for more than any instruction we can give." Christians here are indeed like "a city that is set on a hill," which "cannot be hid" Their faults and deficiences are marked by the heathen, and often magnified and brought forward ~~by the heathen~~ more than any other objection to Christianity. What we especially need is an outpouring of the Spirit ~~in~~ on the Christian community, to awaken them to a new consecration for holy living and earnest effort for the salvation of their friends and neighbors.

The visit of Mr. Wishard, and of Rev. Mr. Grubb and his associates from England had a good influence. Some are awakened to new life and earnest effort. In the prayer meeting yesterday afternoon a prominent Christian made some stirring remarks upon the exhortation of Peter "Seeing that ye look for such things be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace without spot and blameless." (2 Pet. 3:14) - and he is one from whom such remarks come appropriately - being an active, consistent Christian. Mr. Wishard's visit awakened interest in Bible study and in Young Men's Christian association work. The association here in Godoville was revived and weekly meetings are held, besides occasional meetings in private houses.

We look forward with much expectation to the proposed visit of Rev. B. Fay Mills. The memory of his mother here (then Mrs. Whittlesey) would add interest to his visit. I should hope for good results, especially among the large number of English-educated natives, who have had their faith in Hinduism shaken, and are either inclined to infidelity,

or live in careless indifference. I have just received nearly 200 copies of the Lecture of H.L. Hastings on the "Inspiration of the Bible" for distribution among this class.

We have just received a new class in the Girls' Boarding school. Fifty seven candidates for admission came to the entrance examination. Twenty four are received. The strong desire of even heathen parents to have their daughters educated, as they are in our school, under Christian influence, with the probability, amounting to an almost certainty, that they will become Christians, is another indication of the attitude of the people towards Christianity, and we may hope preparatory to such an ingathering as we want for. All the members of the class which graduated in January are church members. - Six of the pupils were admitted to the church at the last communion season, and three others

My daughter and I spent the school vacation at our health bungalow at the seaside. It seems very desirable that there should be another bungalow for the accomodation of the Mission families at the seaside during the

trying season of chilly days at night and very hot days inland, when at the seaside the cool sea wind is refreshing and invigorating.

The re-building of the Codorville church is going on, though money is not coming in as we hoped. I have not heard how the request for an appropriation of $500. has been regarded. An entirely new building would, as you suggest, be more satisfactory, but there would be no hope of meeting the necessary expense

I regret that no allowance was made for a theological class. We are thus without the means for securing the best results of our higher education for supplying our need for the Evangelistic and Pastoral work.

Yours truly

W. W. Howland

O. Summer
March 24. 1890

Codoville, May 9, 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston,

Dear Dr. Clark.

I should have acknowledged sooner your kind letter of Dec. 10. I thank you for your kind wishes. It is a privilege to be allowed to continue in this good work, though not able to do all I could wish.—

You have been informed of the change of Pastors of the Codoville church. After Mr. Hosington left the church gave a call to Mr Elgatamby, Pastor of the Panditerip church. His known faithfulness and earnestness was the reason for selecting him among all the Pastors. He hesitated long on account of his attachment to the church where he had labored with marked success, and his interest in the work there, and the attachment of the church members to him. (an attachment exceptionally strong here) and their unwillingness to have him leave,

He finally after prayerful consideration thought it to be a call of the Lord, and signified his willingness to come after finishing up the year at Panditripo. His coming has been, and I think will continue to be a special blessing to this large church. Among the members are a number of prominent English educated men, - two Proctors in the courts, a Govt Registrar, our Mission doctor, the teachers in the Boarding School and others. Mr Elyatamby was not educated in English#, the only one of the Pastors who was not. But he is no less respected by these men, and was their choice before all others. He has evidently been a thorough student of the Word of God, and in a marked degree taught of the Spirit. I think I have never heard so interesting and spiritually profitable sermons, and prayer meeting remarks by any native Pastor. He has entered into the Pastoral work with much interest, and I look for much good result. He is a live Pastor, the right man, I think, in the right place. -

(What I say of him should not be published. It would come back here, which would not be well.) #Note - He has acquired some knowledge of the language himself. I think he can read English somewhat intelligently, and use the language to some extent in speaking and writing

I have now the charge of the Manipay station. I cannot do much except to have the general care. There are two Pastors of the Manipay and Navaly churches, one native preacher who has charge at Santilupay where a new church building was dedicated last month. Also a Catechist who has charge of a congregation in Angeotty about two miles south of the Manipay central station. I am able to keep up with the work at the two stations by the monthly meeting for reports, conference and prayer. In this meeting there are four Pastors, two native preachers, and one Catechist who have charges of churches and congregations, one native preacher and a catechist engaged in evangelistic work, having no definite charge. My daughter aids me in the care of the 24 schools in the two stations and has direction of the 12 Bible women besides the care of the Boarding school with over a hundred pupils. There are this year nine graduates of the school who are training for teachers work in the training school department. I have

a daily exercise with them in the History of Redemption, in which I am myself much interested, not having before traced the History so particularly as given in all the Bible history of the chosen people, and of other nations.

Three members of the Salvation army are stationed here, and hold meetings nearly every evening in a bungalow in the near vicinity. One is a Scotch lady, one a Eurasian woman, and one a Tamil woman. The Scotch lady especially is quite friendly, attends all our Sabbath and other meetings, partaking of the Lord's Supper with us. and, so far as I can judge, her influence is only good. As she is obliged to have at least one meeting on the Sabbath, she has it at 5 O'clock in the afternoon, so as not to interfere with our Sabbath evening prayer meeting. Land has been rented for a place for building "barracks", and there was a special consecration service of the land recently conducted by the Adjutant, as he is called, who is stationed in Jaffna town

I told the adjutant that as their object is to labor for the salvation of the people it does not seem consistent to establish a station where there are more Christians than at any other station, and where Evangelical work is being carried on, rather than in some heathen village where there is more need. Some of the leading Christians sympathize with them, and attend their meetings, and aid them. They are frequently invited in different places to go and hold meetings in a bungalow or a private house. While I rejoice that "Christ is preached" I regret a somewhat disturbing element in the Christian community.

The death of Dr. Hastings is a great loss. His long connection with the Seminary as Principal, and with the College as President, gave him a wide and powerful influence, especially in the educated class of the community. His death is to me a personal affliction, having been associated with him forty three years in uninterrupted friendship,

as a brother beloved. I hope you will realize our need of a reinforcement. It is not a time when our force can be diminished with safety, but a time rather for renewed activity. I have never known such open and persistent opposition. The enemies of the truth are very active, establishing heathen schools, distributing heathen tracts reviling the Bible, Christ and Christians, employing preachers and publishing a paper with the same object. A notice was published in their paper - the "Hindoo Organ" some months since signed by thirteen names of men in one of my villages forbidding our Mission Catechist coming to their houses without permission, and a notice was put up in our school bungalow there by the owner of the land on which it stands forbidding the teaching of the Bible in the school. A heathen school has since been established near our school, and a large number of the pupils taken away. This opposition will naturally tend to awaken thought, and perhaps serious inquiry as to the truth, and be overruled for good.

The general knowledge of the truth among a large proportion of the people who have been instructed in our schools, and heard it in the village meetings and in house to house visitation, has prepared the way for a gathering which we are confident must come. I have been accustomed to compare this preparation by the various means in which Bible truth has been disseminated to the filling the holes drilled in the Hurl Gate reef near New York with explosive material, and the reef at length blown up and destroyed by the touch of the Engineer's chisel to a button connected with an electric wire. The Lord's promises are true and will be fulfilled in his own way and time, perhaps in connection with and the apparent result of what may appear a trifling event like the touch of a child, but which by its very apparent insignificance will indicate that it is the Lord's work and not man's. I was interested in seeing in an English paper recently this same illustration used by Dr Pentecost in speaking of his view of the preparation in India for a great awakening. I fear there is more confidence in the

expectation that the responsibility may be soon thrown upon the native Christians. They are many of them good and faithful men, but trained in a heathen atmosphere, with a heredity of many generations of heathenism, we cannot expect a purity and stability of Christian character and a firmness of principle fitting them to meet special emergencies;—a fitness so necessary for leaders. Moreover there have been so many failures among professing Christians that there is much less confidence in their sincerity as a body, which greatly weakens their Christian influence, and inasmuch as it is not so much the word spoken as the man behind it, that has real power, their witness for Christ and his cause is not so powerful as we could wish it might be.—Such an important station as Manipay should not be left without a resident Missionary.

Although there are people in the villages who confess the truth of Christianity, yet but few come out as Christians. The largest accessions to the church at this station are

from the pupils of the Boarding school, of the 230 (49 males and 181 females) who have been received to the Oodoville church during the last ten years, 139, or nearly two thirds, were pupils of the school. Of the 64, the largest number received in any one of these ten years, 26 were pupils of the School. That year a number of the children of Christian families at the station were received, the result of special interest in the children in connection apparently with the interest in America in Christian Endeavor Societies, a number of the book "Children and the church" coming out. It was feared by some that there was not sufficient caution in receiving them.

I need not add that our great want is an outpouring of the Spirit. We hear encouraging reports of Dr Pentecost's work in Calcutta, but what we hear of his plans for the future does not encourage us to expect a visit from him here, at least for some time to come. I am much disappointed in hearing that Mr Mills is not coming. I think all the missionaries in Jaffna would unite in welcoming him

The memory of his mother would add much to an interest in hearing him. I should hope for good results of his labors for the large number of English educated men, most of whom have been educated in Mission schools, and know the truth, but are not convinced of their need of a Saviour from sin, and make the accumulation of wealth the absorbing object of life. There is quite a rush now to Rangoon and Singapore, where there is a demand for men as clerks, overseers, contractors, &c, and money is accumulated, sometimes in fabulous amounts, and this strengthens the already strong desire for an English education. There are now three Colleges in Jaffna, all affiliated or about to be, with India Universities, besides many English schools.

The uneducated masses are less influenced by devotion to their gods than by worldliness, and carelessness of eternal interests. At the time of the late heathen festival at Manepay the various vehicles rushing by, the occupants shouting and raising with

others, reminded me of similar scenes on the occasion of military reviews in America. Yet there is devotion which is apparent especially in sickness or in especial trouble, when vows are made to some particular deity and scrupulously performed. It is very distressing to go along the roads and meet such multitudes, all unsaved, heathen still, after so many years within sound of the Gospel. But the promises are sure, and must be fulfilled. –

Yours truly
W W Howland

P.S. Since writing my letter I have seen the notice of the death of your son. I can sympathize with you in your affliction on account of my bereavement of my dear son, my first born, though not as in your case in the loss of an only son. You have the great comfort of the sympathy of Him who weeps with the bereaved. May he comfort you "as one whom his mother comforteth", "and you shall be comforted" (Is. 66:13)
With kind regards and sympathy with you and the bereaved mother. –
W W Howland

Dodoville, May 9, 1891

Recd June 25

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Oodoville Aug. 1. 1891

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.

Boston, Mass. –

Dear Dr Clark

I send letters of the Pastors of the churches at the Oodoville and Manepay stations and out stations. (in two separate envelopes for convenience.)

The letters will give some idea of the state of these churches, and the progress of the work. – The mixed marriages of Christians with heathen mentioned by the Manepay Pastor is an evil and a danger to the churches which needs to be carefully guarded against. – The much increased opposition of the heathen is a reason for more earnest prayerful effort on our part. – We need to be reinforced. We are too few for the necessities of the work. – We are thankful to hear of the increase of contributions to the Board. –

With kind regards

Yours truly

N. W. Howland.

Dodooville, Aug. 1. 1891.

Rec'd Sep. 12.

Oodooville
May 1892.

Rev. H. T. Clark D. D.

Dear Dr. Clark.

My daughter and I improved the vacation in the Boarding School for a needed rest and change by a visit to the Pulney Hills. Mr. and Mrs. Smith kindly offering to come to Oodooville and commence the new term of the Boarding School gave us the previlege of being absent two weeks after the close of the vacation. At the commencement of the new term fifty candidates for admission were examined and twenty six admitted making the number of ~~one~~ 113 ~~hundred and thirteen~~ all of them boarding in the institution. This ~~which~~ is a larger number than we like to have, but the ~~parents~~ anxiety of as well as the girls are ~~very anxious~~ ~~and it is often very~~ make it hard to refuse to receive them even when the candidates fail to pass perfectly the examination or are unable to pay the full rate for board and tuition. It is ~~noticeable and~~ remarkable that parents whom we have considered rigid heathen have brought their daughters to be admitted, ready to pay full tuition at the highest rates. We hear that the Wesleyans also had a rush of candidates for admission to their boarding school

recently. A class of ~~eight~~ eleven pupils graduated in January all. All of them Church members. Some of them go to heathen homes where they are exposed to great trials and temptation. I went with my daughter yesterday to visit one of these. We remained some time talking to the friends and neighbors who crowded around, having a portion of Scripture read to them. The spirit which was manifested led me to remark to my daughter after leaving that it must be very hard for a girl to stand as a Christian in such surroundings. Her brother is urging a heathen marriage.

The necessity which parents feel of having their daughters married, which is much more a necessity in a heathen country exposes many to the trial and temptations. Even the promise of a heathen not to hinder his wife from walking as a Christian is not always kept. Yet with this risk we consider the giving a Christian education to the daughters even of the heathen is one of the most important and encouraging branches of our work. Twelve of the pupils of the Boarding School were received to the Church during the year, and there were quite a number of candidates who are anxious to be received and are deferred not so much on account of any special unfitness, but for a longer trial. There was some special religious interest near the close of the year and a number of the pupils then decided to serve Christ.

Notwithstanding the increased and in some cases determined oppositions manifested by many of the heathen the conviction of the truth of Christianity is apparently increasing and though as yet but few still one by one they confess Christ and join the people of God.

The account of a woman who was received to the church in the recently dedicated chapel at Sandilupay is interesting and illustrative and I have requested an assistant who worked there to write it out which he has done as follows:- "Nallamuttu is the wife of Maruthacutty, a Tamil compositor in the Manepay Press. She became thoughtful of her soul's salvation by attending meetings held by the catechist in the Bible woman's house which was her neighborhood. Her husband was somewhat a skeptic and did not allow her to attend meetings where she can learn more of Jesus the Saviour. The Bible woman visited and taught her and prayed with her. In time the catechist influenced her husband to send their daughter to a Boarding School where she became interested and was baptized. This was a happy disappointment to the father to whom the catechist, by this time, became a favorite and who, by his request attended Sunday services and prayer meetings in the village preaching bungalow. But he would not allow his wife or the daughter to attend. His wife and daughter

were praying for his conversion and the catechist made it a point of special prayerful effort and it was blessed. In a meeting during week of prayer Maruthacutty stood up with shaking and trembling, confessed his sinfulness and accepted Christ as his Saviour. This was a day of great joy to his family. He was received to the Church and he is a consistent Christian. His new name is Joshua. Now Nallammutto had courage to speak to her neighbors about Christ - had a family prayer regularly and attended the Sunday services and prayer meetings in the village chapel. On the day she was examined by the Church Committee for admission to the Church she answered the questions like those who are able to read and said that a light and joy have come into her heart which she is unable to describe. She was baptized with the same name Nallammutto (good pearl) and made a communicant. Her oldest daughter was made a communicant also. Her two other daughters were baptized by names Elizabetto and Annammah.

Some time since I requested one of the Pastors for his opinion as to the signs of the times which he gave as follows: "The state of the Christian community is not wanting in signs encouraging to hope for better things. There are many Christians who desire the renewal of the worldly Christians and admire pure Christians. They give cheerfully, attend services promptly, esteem church ordinances

and long after a holy walk. They regard the church as their own and are able to find out the things wanted for it without any suggestions from others. Some of these are ready to lead their heathen friends in the way of life by telling them about their own religion and faith. Though there are weaknesses in some of them, some of which are not sinful in themselves, I am forced to pass over those failings by the many virtues clearly appearing around their course. The unworthiness of the weaknesses are to some extent felt by them.

On the other hand there are some who walk unworthy of their profession. Worldliness, love of money especially is the growing evil with such. In short they are unconverted and are the chief drawback to our cause. The heathen, though they have not many things to say against our religion, are comforted by the bad examples of the so called Christians.

It is a known fact that the heathen are at present doing as much as they can against Christians and Christianity by abuses, ill reports and rival Schools. Still there is not so much discouragement from that side as by the failings of the worldly Christians. But it is a comfort to observe that the number of this sort of Christians is not on the increase and that some of this class of believers admit their faults when pointed

out and feel the unworthiness of their course.

I cannot do as much for Manepay and Nawaly and the outstations as is desirable. The monthly meetings of the Pastors and assistants for reports, counsel and prayer are helpful. But it seems very necessary that so important a station as Manepay should be occupied by a Missionary family.

The dedication of the new chapel at Sandilupay was an interesting event. The Church members there have asked to be organized as a separate Church, but it is thought best to wait till they can meet at least half of a Pastor's salary.

The ordination at Caratiwe of Charles Sanders was to me a very interesting occasion awakening vivid memories of an interesting occasion there thirty six years ago when the first native Pastor in our Mission was ordained and Dr. Thompson and Dr. Anderson were present and took part in the exercises. I then gave the charge to the people. Now my son gave the charge.

The first native Pastor was then by his character and work considered to be worthy to be selected as the first to be ordained, but afterwards fell into sin and was deposed. Fifteen pastors have been since ordained all of them worthy men.

You will have heard of Mr. Bell's decision to leave us. I fear the committee do not realize our need of helpers

There is a story concerning the frame of a large building which was being raised in some place in the state of New-York years ago that when the frame was lifted up to what is termed the bend it seemed impossible to move it further. The men called out we cannot stir it. It will fall and we shall be crushed. The women in their houses heard the cry and ran to help. They all took hold, and the builder shouted "Now lift or die" and the heavy frame was moved to its place.

I suspect that the committee think the bend is already passed in our work here, - but we have only come to it or are only coming to it. In a word it seems like a crisis in our work. The success already gained has aroused the enemy to opposition such as we never have had before. They are making great effort by circulating tracts reviling Christ and Christians by a Hindoo news paper, and by employing heathen preachers to go around and preach against Christianity to stay the progress of the truth. We need especially at this time more help. - Though the message by the Heavenly telegraph may be "Hold the Fort. I am coming". We are too few to hold the fort even much less to make successful attacks upon the strong holds of the enemy. True it is not by might or by power but by the Spirit of the Lord yet the call here seems to be "Come to the help of the Lord against the mighty.

We hope Mr Hastings will come to our help. He is an excellent missionary and we need him more than Madura does. I sympathise with his unwillingness to come if the Misses Leitch return. I dread their coming either in connection with the Board or any other Society. Their influence has not been favorable to the work in some respects and I fear it would be more injurious than before if they should return. We cannot spare Mr Hastings, and we hope you will send soon at least one more who will be a reliable man. We need help very much.—

With kind regards
Yours truly
W. W. Howland

Recd July 17
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Rev. S. H. Howland

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Rev. G. W. Howland
Jaffna. Ceylon. 30
9th Jan: 1890.

Rec'd March 3

Dear Moses Leitch,

I enclose herewith receipt from the Bank for the £300 you sent. Also for the £35 sent by Mr McLean which kindly forward to him. I have been expecting for some time a reply to my letter in which I said we must have something more practical to depend upon, before we could vote Mr Marston a salary. He is detained now in India by the delay in completing the house, but perhaps it is just as well, because we cannot invite him here until we get the required security. The cause of the delay in the completion of the house has been the getting of the tiles. Mr Smith thought it very important to roof the house with the Calicut tiles and they are now on the way. Of course the finishing of walls and floors can

only be done after the roof is on. Anot
delay was on account of the lack of
funds. The whole of the £159-5-7 eu
for the purpose, which came to Rs. 2202
was used up. Finally the Mission adva
that I advance from other Medical fund
I have in hand, what might be needed
for this purpose. Mr. Smith estimate
that nearly Rs 2000 more will be need
for properly completing the house. H
says it can be ready by the 1st March,
but that seems to me rather doubtful
In the expectation that the required
assurances would be received from
Scotland before this, I wrote to Dr. Mason
suggesting getting a house in town
temporarily, and I found a house
the beach which could be had. But
wrote to Dr. Hastings saying he preferred
not to move so often and would wa
till the house was ready.

We received your "occasional letter
no 3" only a few days ago, and I mu

ay that it does not appear to us to be
ll right. It may be that the donors
understand it, but after reading this
booklet it seems to us very doubtful if
they do. They probably understand it
the same as when the term "endowing
beds" is applied to other hospitals. If
the meaning in them is the same as yours
then it is all right. We do not know,
but it seems to us a strange proceeding
to say the least, and one which we could
not agree to, unless we find that the
donors do really understand it.

I might as well add with regard
the Bursaries that the boys who have
received them have not given bonds.
I wrote at the outset that we would
only accept them on such conditions
seemed to us wise, and that it did
not seem wise to require bonds. Your
own experience of such bonds in the
case of Tampoo, Swaan Mutlis brother
would show you some of the difficulty.

involved. I might add that we do not think it wise to bind a boy to Mission work at the beginning of his College course, before it is evident whether he will be fitted for it or not. I know it is sometimes done in America but the wisdom of it is much doubted by many there. We give the bursaries only to Christian boys and those we think worthy. This was the plan I found Dr. Hastings had adopted, and it is kept up. I think of writing to the donors and explaining the matter, and offering to return their money if they are not satisfied. Hoping to hear from you soon

I remain

Yours truly

(signed) S. W. Howland.

Jaffna. Ceylon –
11 Jan. 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark DD

Dear Sir –

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people of all the 6 or 8 young men we have had here, and there was general satisfaction when it was thought probable that he would come. He was a hard worker, and had good abilities, and worked for the souls of the students. I wrote a few weeks ago showing how his support might come from the American fund – but that was before I had heard that my salary or a half of it was to be put on that fund. X

You mention an aggregate of $34,283. in America. Of which the average income is 6% which would give $2050. income per year. The young men get £125, ea. which is about $607. Their traveling expenses out and back are about $600. or an average of $125. per year. making for both $1450. or a little more – A married Missionary's salary is £225. = $1093. His traveling and other expenses would be not far from $200. per year. Thus the income of the present fund is just enough for one married professor and one single man. but a little short of what is needed for two single men and the half salary of a married man unless the Mission pays the travelling and other expenses of the latter, as I think it should. When the income of the St John's legacy becomes available it can support a married professor, and then the present fund can meet the salary of a single professor. and the whole of the president's salary. But that is in the indefinite future. The only way that I can see to secure Mr. Hitchcock's services ~~if~~ for the Mission

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to continue for 2 or 3 years more to pay the whole of the president's salary. It is doubtful if we can secure as satisfactory a man when the funds are free 2 or 3 years hence. Therefore I would be very glad if the Prudential Committee could see their way to arrange for it. It might seem strange to you that our present staff of instructors is not enough for 70 or 75 pupils. but I hope we may considerably increase that number before long. Our present freshman class numbers 30. It is important that we keep up the reputation of our teaching staff. especially if we do not affiliate. The Wesleyan school is affiliated with Madras, and the Church Mission School with Calcutta and both are improving their standard. It is not that we wish to rival them. though we do not care to fall behind, but there are private schools and teachers that are holding out every inducement to get pupils. The Director of Public Instruction proposes a Ceylon University in time, modeled on the standard of the London University. and we shall probably find it necessary to affiliate with it when it comes, if we are not compelled to take such a step sooner. My idea is that although affiliation is to be deprecated. it would be better than to lose our hold on the young men of the land. In any case we need the steadiness and strength secured by a well known man in whom all have confidence. Moreover our English High School here has 225 pupils. at least 50 of them over 16. All other Colleges have such as a preparatory department. I do not, as yet,

see my way clear to combine the two. but it is very desirable that the High School have some Foreign Instruction. Mrs. Howland has taught one class, and Mr. Wallace takes another. But the whole institution would be a fine field for the whole time of one man. We had Mr. Leon and Mr. Chapin for that, when the Govt grants were larger, but had to give up the plan when they were reduced. The work is scarcely less important than the College. At present the College takes a good deal of my time, but there is a very important field here outside of it - with a population of 46000, five churches and 38 schools.

In addition the Mission has asked me to take a Theological Class. If funds are not allowed for this, we shall have to take up young men not specially trained for the work and give them what training we can while they are working. Either plan will take some of my time. For all these reasons I hope you can secure Mr. Hitchcock in some way.

I have very little expectation of any more funds being secured for the College by the Misses Leitch. They are working now entirely for the Medical Dept. and what they have undertaken for that will take them 2 or 3 years, and there are some signs that people are getting tired of them. They have sent nothing for the College except bursaries, and some £18 for repairs. In one sense the bursaries are a help. Their income is about Rs. 1300, with which we pay part of the boarding and tuition of 25 to 30 students at an

average of about Rs. 45. per year, which is not far from half of their whole expenses. Without this, some of them could not study, some would manage to get it in other ways. We do not intend to help boys more than they need, yet the general effect of the bursaries is to make the students expect more aid than they really need, and tends to diminish their self dependence, so that they are not an unmixed good.

I believe Dr. Hastings gave you a detailed statement of accounts, but I will repeat summarily —

Debt July '88.	~~Rs.~~ 76.	Mrs. Lt. John toward repairs.	Rs 1026.
Repairs (including extra)	1445.	Misses Leitch " "	92.
Books & stationery	332.	Interest on Genl fund.	439.
Printing & binding	40.	Tuition (including bursaries)	2384.
Sundries	100.	Debt. end of year. June '89.	10.
Teachers, Monitors, etc	1958.		
	3951.		3951.

In addition to the above the Boarding dept. cost ~~Rs.~~ 3149.

We have now in hand a Genl Fund of Rs 13.000. giving an income of Rs. 650. There are three scholarships amounting to about Rs 4500. with an income of Rs 250. or so. Three other incomplete scholarships are not in use, but amount to about Rs. 750

In addition to this Miss Leitch reports as sent for the Medical Dept. (see occ. letter no. 3) £ 690. for Medical Scholarship. She has recently sent £ 335. for Medical Dept.

I hardly know what to say to your question as to the value of the efforts now being made by the Misses Leitch in England.

We wanted the money for the College and for the Medl. Dept. and they offered to collect. I refused to sign their scheme because I did not approve of their methods of collecting. The other members of our Mission who were here signed it, but now regret it, for this same reason. and also because the Misses Leitch attempt to manage matters without regard to our opinions. You will see by their report that practically nothing has been secured as a permanent fund except in scholarships, either for the College or the Medical Dept. Dr. Marston has been over a year in India, but we have no security for his support except the word of the Misses Leitch, which we do not consider sufficient. If we do anything to stop them, Dr. Marston is left in the lurch. and there would be considerable of a commotion in some quarters. Yet their methods seem more objectionable than ever, and we have no control. All our remonstrances are met with homilies and threats. We formerly very much wished a Medical Dept. ~~and~~ We hope the Lord will overrule all for the best in some way.

I send you copies of our Supplement describing the Y.M.C.A. Convention held here during Mr. Wishard's visit. His visit was of the greatest benefit here. Some fifteen at that time and during the English Missioners' visit took a stand on the Lord's side as we believe, and all the Christians were strengthened and stirred. Two of the Missioners Mefrs Millard and Richardson spent three days

at Batticotta and their visit coming so soon after Mr. Richards was very valuable. There are also interesting cases outside of the College — I append herewith a memo of the College account with the American fund by which you will see that Rs. 442.79 is due the College up to Dec 31. '89. and funds are needed for 1890. which kindly remit at your convenience to me or to Mr. Richard Hastings — With kind regards from us both —

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland.

Jaffna College in acct with Am. Fund

		Dr. Rs.	Cr.
Jan 1.	To Balance from '88 in hand.	192.44	
Mar 6.	" Bill of Exchange for $200.	2824.54	
May 20.	By Traveling Exp. of Mr. Marsh, coming out.		232.00
June 8	" " " " Mr. Wood going home.		300.00
" 29	" Salary Mr. Wood 5⅓ mos —		794.45
Dec 31	" " Mr. Marsh 12 mos —		1790.63
" "	" " Mr. Wallace 2⅓ mos —		342.69
	To Balance Debt —	442.79	
		3459.77	3459.77

Jaffna, Jan. 11. 1890.

Rec'd Feb. 20.

Jaffna Ceylon -
1st Feb. 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir

We held our business meeting recently and considered the appropriations for the year and voted them as follows -

Missionaries	5 men 6 ladies 8 children	$6805.
	less ½ of $ 1125. for Jaffna Coll.	562.50
		6242.50
Pastors & preachers to 15 churches	Rs. 5502.	
(less paid by the churches)	4620.	
		882.
31 Assistants -	Rs. 5964.	
(less paid locally)	780.	
		5184.
29 Bible Women		1176.
Total for Evangelistic work -		= 7242.
Educational as before -		1700.
Miscellaneous do -		3070.
		12012 = $ 4204.20
		$ 10,446.70

You will see by this that we felt compelled to run a little over the amts mentioned for evangelistic work. In the item of aid to churches we found ourselves able to reduce only Rs 2. per month instead of Rs 4. as had been proposed. For Assistants we found it necessary to take on two more men. and this increased our monthly expenditure Rs 14. more than last year, altho one man was dropped, and Rs 5. per mo. was

transferred from the Mission to the churches. On Bible Women we increased Rs. 2. per mo. Altogether these items make an overrun of ~~$~~ Rupees 300. = $105. which we trust will be allowed. No reply was made to our request for $300. for a theological class, $350. for aid in chapel building, and the contingent grant of $500 for the Training School. We think it possible that the half salary of the President of the College was transferred to the College funds, with the object of granting these requests, but as nothing was said on the subject we could take no action. May we not have for the first two objects the difference between our appropriations and the usual total of $11000. The other item was only asked as a Contingent grant, to be approved if funds are given specially for the purpose.

15th Feb. Mrs Howland and I have come to the Hills to spend our two weeks vacation, hoping that the bracing of this cool air will be sufficient to enable us to go through the coming hot weather without injury. With kind regards.

Yours truly

S. W. Howland.

Sec. A. C. M.

Jaffna, Feb. 1, 1890
Rec'd March 24

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special objects

Jaffna, Ceylon,
25 Mar. 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of Jan. 10th came to hand several weeks since. I think I do not need to repeat what I have said before that for the present at least the Medical Dept. will have only a nominal connection with the College, and that the funds will be kept perfectly distinct, the Medical Dept. having no claim on any but those raised for Medical work. Dr. and Mrs. Marston have just arrived. We have some funds in hand for their support, but only a very small part of the permanent fund has been secured. As a consequence we do not formally call Dr. Marston, or vote him a salary, but give him a temporary monthly allowance about equivalent to a salary for the present. You ask about the Charter for the College. I suppose the Misses Leitch were at the bottom of the move for it. Some of the donors in England did not like to give unless there were a charter. So the Misses Leitch wrote to several of the Directors, including the District Judge and two lawyers, and stirred them up to move for it. There did not seem to be any serious objection to it, and the expected large increase of funds seemed to make it desirable. Therefore Dr. Hastings

got a lawyer to draw up one, and at the meeting of the Directors in June, '89, a Committee was appointed to take charge of the matter. Except some correspondence, with some uncivil criticism of the wording of the Constitution, this is as far as the matter has proceeded. It is in the hands of a Colombo lawyer, but I do not anticipate that there will be great expense involved. The charter is not expected to give authority to confer degrees, but only to hold property. Our position as to affiliation you will see in the copy of the College Miscellany which I send you. We are at present not favorable to it.

I send also a copy of our Mission paper which gives a notice of the death of Mr. Griffith of the Church of England Mission, one of our Board of Directors. He was always cordial in co-working, but lately he has felt disposed to withdraw, being unwilling to be implicated in responsibility for the methods of the Misses Leitch.

The same paper gives an appreciative notice of Mr. Underwood, who was for some time connected with our Mission, and for whom I secured a position in Singapore three years ago, on the request of Mr. Oldham of the Amer. Meth. Mission there for a Tamil worker. There are now some hundreds of Jaffna young men in Singapore and other parts of the Strait Settlements, many of them with some education, and some getting good salaries. The temptations there are great, and many

fall into them. The work in College and Station goes on much as usual. During the spring vacation Mrs. Howland and I took three weeks on the hills, with much benefit, and I hope as a consequence she will be able to go through the coming hot weather without any harm. The influenza is prevailing in some parts of the Island, and Mrs. Howland has been laid up for ten days with something very like it, but is all right again.

3d Apr. Since writing the above I have rec'd your letter of 24 Feb. with enclosure £200. The College has in hand Rs. 27,691.74 in the Scotch Bursary Fund, sent by the Misses Leitch. This is a little less than $10,000. Besides this I have Rs. 369.58 in a so-called "Contingent Fund," and Rs 567.74 in an "Annual Subscription Account." These properly belong with the Bursaries, though they may be used without adding to the principal. Then they sent for repairs on College Buildings £18-6-9½ and they sent a "musical instrument," which is of no use, and some books and papers, costing £14-2-5½ among which are £1-7-2 for photos of Dr. Marston, some books for their own use in the campaign and "1 vol 'Our Sisters in India' for Dr. Clark's enlight't 0-1-2." We have thus a scholarship fund of about $10,000. and a sum for use of about $300. This is all the College proper has received and all I expect it to receive from them. Only £10. has been received during the past year or more, and £40. in the previous year. They have at least two years

work, at the rate they have been getting, to put the Med'l Dept. on its feet; and in addition they have recently made an arrangement with the F. F. N. S. & F. Soc. to speak at 240 meetings, taking half of their time, which I suppose will thus extend over about two years. The College is capable of using more money to advantage, but I do not want any collected by their methods. Their latest move seems to us more objectionable than all before. In order to raise a fund for Dr. Marston's support & finding that people do not like to give to a fund, they ask for endowing beds, and write to us that it amounts to the same thing in the end. The income of the "endowed beds," is to support the Doctor, the patients paying for their own board, medicines, etc. They assure us that the donors understand it perfectly, but it does not seem possible. Furthermore we have not authorized a hospital and do not think that one of any size can be allowed, as it would interfere with the F. M. S. Hospital, and would cut off the allowance from that and the Govt. If this is the only way they can collect we may have to break with them at once. I think the question of their continuance as Missionaries or otherwise is not for us to decide. But I should not think they would care to look us in the face, much less work with us, after the letters they have written. With kind regards from us both I am sincerely S. W. Howland

P.S. I write for myself. H

March 25th 1889

Jaffna, Ceylon.
11 Apr. 90.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir

You letter of Mar. 8th to Mrs. Howland came to hand tonight. I infer from it that the Misses Leitch have sent to you one of the lithographed letters which they sent to all the Directors of the College. The facts of the case are as follows. When they began collecting bursaries in Scotland more than three years ago, they promised the donors that those aided should pledge themselves to pay back the money they received if they did not go into Mission work. At Dr. Hastings' request I wrote to them that we had authorized no such conditions, that we did not approve of it, and that we could not receive the money except on such conditions as we thought reasonable. This made no difference with them, and they went on with their collections and promises. Dr. Hastings received the money and by their request applied the interest of it to certain individuals selected by them. The "regulations" which they quote, although entered in the book by Dr Hastings, were never adopted by any but themselves. Dr. Hastings did not get any bond or promise from any of the students aided by this fund. Matters went on in this way until I came into the College, and it did not seem to me right to use the

money given on conditions, without complying with those conditions, unless the matter were explained to the donors and their consent secured. But I thought it would be but fair to mention it again to the Misses Leitch, before communicating with the donors. I have no doubt the donors will be quite satisfied with the explanations we shall send them. If you received the lithographed letter, perhaps you noticed that the Misses L. say: "We think perhaps that is not necessary." (i.e. the requiring a <u>notarial bond</u>.) and "the Directors do not in any way bind themselves to collect that money. It might be difficult, and in many cases impossible for them to do so." The experience of older Missionaries has been that only a sueable bond is of any value - and that it costs more than it is worth to collect that. Bonds have been tried more than once in this Mission. To require any other agreement would only be making them make promises to break. I for one am not willing to undertake either method. I do not value sufficiently the aid of the Bursaries to enter into what seems to me so degrading and demoralizing a business.

We assign the bursaries to Christian young men of fair ability, and believe the purpose of the donors is not defeated if they are trained to hold positions of influence in the community even as independent Christians. The donors should not ask a narrower field for their usefulness than we who

give our time and life as Missionaries to the training of young men for all positions of Christian influence.

The letter is characteristic of the Misses Leitch in that it appeals to the native Directors to immediately look into the conduct of the Missionaries, at the same time appealing to their love of money, while consenting to a practically nullifying evasion. (They say: "the donors are nearly all able to give a similar help to the College every two or three years. A number of them are worth a million pounds sterling, and nearly all of them are very rich".)

But this is a small matter. What we care more about is that they are raising the endowment for the support of Dr. Marston, by securing endowments for beds, £100 ea., fifty in all. Aside from what seems to us the dishonesty of this, we have not authorized the building of a hospital, Dr. Marston who is here, says one of more than half a dozen beds will not be needed. The Govt. would probably refuse its grant if one were put up. You see by their letter how they responded to our protest. This also is characteristic. Everyone that we have consulted takes the same view as ourselves. I am writing them again on both these points. Although I write in my own name, I am sustained by the Mission, and am sure I shall be by the Board of Directors, although the number of Europeans on the Board has been reduced by the departure of Judge Worthington to England

and the death of Mr. Griffith. Dr. Hastings also says he will not attend another meeting but send his resignation to the first because he cannot endure the conduct of the Misses Leitch. We still believe that everything will in some way turn out for the good of Christ's kingdom - With kind regards

Yours truly

S. W. Howland.

Lafayette, Apr. 11. 1890.
Rec'd May 19.

Jaffna Ceylon
30th April. 1890

Rev. N. G. Clark DD
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Dear Sir.

The Misses Leitch have written to Dr. Marston that they are going to America to see the Prudential Committee, and will secure for him the north house at Manipay. They ask him not to tell the Mission lest they anticipate them. But he is more honorable and felt it his duty to inform us. We have before written you on this subject, and it is hardly necessary to write again, but as the subject is to be brought up again it might be well to restate our view of the matter. In brief it is this, that we do not think the north house ought to be given over to the Medical Dept. even temporarily. That house and this one at Batticotta are the best in the Mission, and cost the most. The station we consider one of the most important, if not the most so. It has now two churches, a building for another, and a beginning for a fourth. It is central and has perhaps more educated men than any other. It has the printing office and depository etc. The Misses Leitch suggest that Dr. and Mrs. Hastings go to Uduppithy or Chavagacherry. But they are quite competent to the charge of a station for many years yet we hope.

and we do not see why they should be laid aside. Chavagacherry house was repaired some ten years ago to save it from collapsing in a ruin, but the repairs were only intended to make it serviceable as a temporary residence from time to time. Panditeriips would cost a good deal to make it fit to live in, and we do not consider it by any means as important as Manippay. Furthermore we do not think it wise to pass over all the Mission work at that important station to irresponsible persons. i.e., those who are not under a Mission Board. I might go on and give other reasons, but I do not see why I should argue the matter at all. Certainly the judgment of the whole Mission might be accepted as against the request of the Misses Leitch. It is true that Dr & Mrs. Marston are disappointed in the house that has been repaired for them. but even they do not think that the north house should be taken from the Hastings. And after the south house is completed it is probable that they will find it quite habitable. More than Rs 4000. have been expended in the repairs, half of which had to be borrowed from other Medical funds. I have no doubt that the Misses Leitch have other objects in view in their trip to meet the Prudential Committee of which we are not as yet aware. But we feel sure that the Pruds Comm. have sufficient confidence in us not

to take any action in matters concerning us, on the representation of those ladies, without consulting us.
With kind regards –

Yours truly
L. W. Howland –

Jaffna Ceylon.
15 May, 91

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir

Your letter to Mrs. Howland came to hand a few days ago - and she asks me to reply, as she finds it difficult to keep up with her correspondence. You say you would like to know more about the "Jessie B. Eaton in the Misses Leitch's school. This is a characteristic instance of the methods of work of the Misses Leitch. When the donors gave Mr. Leitch the money his sisters who were then at Odorville, assigned to them Vina Knowles who was supported on a scholarship which Mrs. Howland got in America. She had become a Christian and been baptized with this name, as I understand, and yet they offered to give her this new name and to have her reckoned as the girl of these new donors. They left soon after and my sister resumed charge of the school, and she had some difficulty in explaining matters and assigning another girl. Besides the money first sent or given by this Sabbath School has I believe not turned up yet, though I suppose this is oversight somewhere. They did the same with another girl. A Miss Haines in Jaffna asked to see the girl she was supporting, and they sent to her another whom they thought more interesting. In conversation it came out that the girl had just written a letter to a supporter in Am.

It is true that the Misses Leeitch have written unkind letters here, but it would be difficult to specify without giving all the correspondence. I will only say that they threatened that if the Mission attempted to stop them, they would come out here and show what tongue and pen could do, and again if the Mission should repudiate their work they would take the matter into the courts with thousands of pounds to back them. We have remonstrated with them as to their methods and statements from almost the very beginning, at least ever since their first booklet was published in '87, and our remonstrances have been met by what I should call abuse, and homilies. We are not afraid for ourselves, but the only thing that has kept us from putting a stop to them long since, has been the fear lest the disturbance that would ensue would do more harm to the cause of Missions and the extension of Christ's kingdom, than what they are doing now, and because we have done everything possible except take this one step we do not feel ourselves responsible for what they do. I have already written before this of their plans, so far as we know them, though we have just rec'd a letter saying that a Miss Leslie has been appointed as a doctor for Jaffna by the F. F. V. S. and F. society, and that she is to be accompanied by her sister at her own charges. I wrote a year ago

to this society that we did not think it wise to send English single ladies to be located in the Am. Mission feild, and they had better correspond with one of the English Societies. I rec'd no reply and the Misses L. say the money is promised for building house and hospital for the ladies. Thus from time to time they add onto their plans without regard to our opinion — But it is not necessary to write more — With kind regards from us both

yours truly

S. W. Howland

May 15. 1890.

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Jaffna Ceylon.
21st May 90,

Rev. N. G. Clark DD
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir,

I write to let you know the present state of affairs here. Last evg. we had a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the College to consider the Medical Department. No meeting had been held since Dr. Marston's arrival, owing to the absence of Mr. Twynam at the pearl fishery. At the meeting Dr. Marston presented a written statement saying that he had been led to believe that the Board was representative of the three Missions, but as he found it was not, he would like a new Board to be formed, that would be so representative, and would take the responsibility of his support. This however seemed impracticable, but the Board appointed a Committee of seven, being one Missionary and one native, from each Mission with Mr. Twynam the Government Agent as chairman, giving this Committee discretionary power to conduct the Medical Dept, or Medical Mission, simply reporting to the Board of Directors once a year. Dr. Marston consented to this for the present at least, and the Committee held a meeting with Dr. Marston present. This arrangement

you will see, makes the Medical Mission practically distinct from the College. The modus vivendi of the Medical Mission is not yet quite settled. Dr. Marston declines to take the position of mere "visiting surgeon" in the Friend-in-Need Society's hospital, as Dr. Green did, and so the Rs 500, per year from that source fails. The Goverment has not yet replied to our application for a grant, so that Rs 1000, is a little uncertain. Dr. Marston refuses to live in the house prepared at Manippay as unfit, and does not wish to be especially associated with the American Mission, so that we have the house on our hands, having spent over Rs 4000, on it from Medical funds. Dr. M. would like to use it for a hospital, but we do not think a dwelling house should be used in that way, and it is still a Mission house. It remains to be seen what can be done for what was spent on it. Dr. Marston's income from fees is enough for assistant's salary and incidentals, and the Misses Leitch have sent £ 600. for his salary for two years. In a letter to Mrs. Dr. Hastings you ask for a vote of the Mission in reference to the advisability of keeping the Misses Leitch as Missionaries of the Am. Board. It would seem as if a request for a Mission vote should come to the Sec. of the Mission. But waiving that point, some of us think that it is not our place to pass such a vote unless in very extreme cases

I can safely say however for nearly all, if not quite all of the Mission that we do not place a high estimate on the value of their work here. The good results that might come from their zeal, enterprize, administrative ability, etc. seem quite counteracted by lack of judgment, working for showy effects, lavish use of money, not to mention other points worthy of criticism. This was our conviction when they went away 3½ years ago, and it has increased in strength since, altogether aside from the fact that they seem since then to have become quite antagonistic to the Mission because we have attempted to remonstrate with them for their extravagant words and ways.

I received a few days ago your letter about the coming of Dr. Pentecost and we hope the visit may be the means of much spiritual good. With kind regards

Yours truly

S. W. Howland.

Jaffna, May 21-1890

Rec'd June 28

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Jaffna Ceylon.
6 June. 90.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Marsh has been sick for over two weeks, and now although he is slowly recovering the Doctor says he ought to go for a seavoyage at once, and that it is not advisable for him to remain here longer. I enclose his certificate. Mr. Marsh seemed to have an attack of the epidemic influenza which has been prevailing here, though we might not have called it that if it had not been prevailing. For some weeks or months before he had not been very well, and had felt the heat much. Finally he was laid up with a kind of low fever, and scarcely sat up for two weeks. We all think it necessary that he obey the Doctor, so that he will be starting as soon as he is able. Inasmuch as he does not go of his own accord but at the Doctor's command, we think that the Trustees in America will allow his traveling expenses home. This you will see leaves us in need of help. Mr. Wallace is doing well, but he is young, and it is harder for him than as if he had had his last year at College, and besides he has only been here six months. Can you not learn Mr. Hitchcock's whereabouts and send him. His experience would make him doubly valuable. If the present income from the fund is not quite enough, would

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not the Woman's Board pay the salary of Mrs. Hitchcock. She could do work the same as any Missionary Lady — If the W. B. M. does not agree to that, but if the Hitchcocks are willing to come, please send them along as soon as possible. I will get the ~~money~~ balance required somewhere. If they cannot come, please find some young man and send along at once. I am writing to Mr. Frank Sanders to make inquiries, and if he knows of anyone to communicate with you. He and Mr. Wood are very favorably situated for finding a suitable person. Our first year, the eighteenth year of the College closes next week. With kind regards from us both

Yours

S. W. Howland

Jaffna, June 6, 1890.

Rec'd July 12.

Jaffna Ceylon.
7th June. 90.

Rev. N. G. Clark DD
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir

Your letter of May. 1st reached me while we were in session at our quarterly business meeting, so that we did not need to call a special meeting. My last letter of May was seen by all the Mission, so that it might be called official, and there is not very much to add to it. Yet I will answer your questions in order, even tho repeating what I said before. First you ask "whether the Mission desire or approve of the continuance of the Misses Leitch's present labors in Great Britain, whether they deem them of value to the missionary cause." To this we say we do not wish them to do anything more there for the College, tho the College is ready for any amount of funds if they are got properly: and, even for the Medical Department we do not desire funds raised by such methods, though Dr. Marston is in an awkward position if left without more funds, as not a quarter of the permanent fund needed for his support has been raised, or at least sent out here. If Dr. Marston could be provided for in some way we would decidedly say that it is most desirable that their labors there continue no longer.

Secondly as to whether the Mission desire their return to

labor as Missionaries in Ceylon." In my last letter I gave our opinion as to the little value of their work here on the whole. But we think it would be bad to have them out here as independent missionaries, which would be likely to occur if they were dropped by the Board. If, however, dropping them would rid us of them, we would all vote for it, even tho it does not seem to be our place to do so. This is our "deliberate judgment on this subject." but we can only leave the Prudential Committee to take such action on it as they shall find wisest. I might add that they are working for the F. F. M. S. & L. Society now, having engaged for 240 meetings, and expect to send out here four young ladies, two or more of them doctors. We do not think it would be well for these English ladies to come to the American Mission field and have written to the Society to that effect. But they have made the appointment without replying to our letter. But the funds are not raised, and they are not ready to come at present. With kind regards—

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Secretary, in behalf of the Mission,

Jaffna, June 7, '90.

Rec'd July '7.

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Jaffna Ceylon
7th Aug 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir

You will have heard of the great loss we as a Mission have sustained in the death of Dr. Hastings. It came upon us quite suddenly, altho it had been evident for some time that he was losing strength. The hot season has been unusually trying and it has had its effect on him. He was working beyond his strength for some time before he left the College a year ago, and he did not seem to gain as was hoped when moved to Manippay. A trip to the Hills was talked of in March, but his previous experience did not lead them to hope much from it, and various circumstances hindered. For some time he has not been able to retain much food, the liver being congested. This was complicated with other difficulties, but he kept up until three days before the end. Dr. Marston was called in when it was found that his difficulties did not yield to the ordinary remedies. He was apparently unconscious for the last two days, and at the last passed away quietly.

Dr. Hastings has always been considered our strong man, at least since Dr. Spaulding left us. His opinions have had weight both from their evident worthiness, and from the moral

force of his character. His loss is felt all through Jaffna, but especially through our Mission field, and it emphasizes the request which we voted at our last meeting in June to make of the Prudential Committee, and that is, for another Missionary family. Mr. Richard Hastings and family are expecting to return to America next March for their health, and on account of their children. Mrs. E. P. Hastings and Miss Hastings go with them. Our force will then be reduced to three families, for the care of seven stations. Unless we have a family before that time, the Uduppitty Boarding School will have to be closed, and our whole efforts will be devoted to a struggle to keep things from going backward, and there would be a probability of others breaking down. Our stations seem small, but the work is opening up, and there is the greatest need of aggressive evangelistic work, which would have to be almost entirely given up, as far as the Missionaries are concerned. A new man could do much to help us from the first, but however little it might be, it is very necessary and the sooner the better. This is the urgent request of the Mission. The thought strikes me just now that perhaps Mr. DeRiemer would come again. I have not consulted the others on the subject, as Mr. Smith is in India, and Mr. R. C. Hastings did not know him. I do not think they would object to him, in fact we did not object before to his return. He could perhaps leave his children, and some of the things that

troubled him here before would not now, as each Missionary is more independent. His former knowledge of the language and his experience here would be a help to him.

The return of the Misses Leitch might suggest itself as a way of relief, and we should be glad of their return if they could work in such a way as not to disturb the work of the rest of us, but this seems impossible.

Perhaps other young ladies might offer themselves. But unless they are in a family we are afraid of them, and we feel that we must urge the Committee to find us a married missionary.

I send herewith our estimates for the next year, the total as voted being Rs. 12,346. which taking the rupee as $0.35 as heretofore equals $4321.10 which is $121. more than the amount you mentioned as allowed, but we did not see how we could do with less. A part of this is increase for Bible women, the amount for which we put at Rs 1200. This we consider very important. Then too we voted to ask Rs. 250. for Medical Dept. instead of Rs 150. as heretofore, which has been chiefly expended on medicines. The extra Rs. 100. was in order to secure the services of Dr. Chapman in part, for ordinary treatment, especially for children and the Boarding Schools. Silver having gone up considerably the above dollars will probably not yield the required number of rupees, but we can possibly reduce in several

ways. Mr. Snell our oldest catechist, who has been with the Mission nearly 45 years died recently. (The "Morning Star." which I will send by next mail gives some account of him.) This saves Rs 8. per month at Tellippaly. The pastor of the Uduvil church has gone to Singapore to the service of the Am. Methodist Mission. Bishop Thoburn wrote to me for two men to take Mr. Underwood's place. I sent a young man a student of the College and graduate of the Training School. When Mr. Horsington offered I approved because there has been some friction between him and the church, and altho it was amicably settled, it was liable to appear at any time. His place has not been filled yet, but when it is, it will probably create a vacancy in our staff of helpers which we cannot fill at present. I trust that our estimates will be granted in rupees, with the understanding that we do not spend the whole if we can help it, as probably we shall be able to do.

Jaffna, Aug. 1st 1890.
Rec'd Sep. 12.

The Theological Class has not yet commenced as such, though thru are reciting once in two weeks to my Father. I have been waiting to hear if Mr. Hitchcock is coming, because the going of Mr. Marsh has thrown extra work on me in the College. but I hope we may begin soon. With kind regards from us both

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland Sec. A. C. M

Jaffna Ceylon.
18 Aug. 90.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir

A few days ago in writing for a new missionary family I suggested the possible desirability of Mr. DeRiemer's coming again. After consultation with the others I have been led to think that the desirability of his coming is very doubtful - and that therefore it is better not to take any steps toward asking it. We need a new man, and we believe it would be the part of wisdom to send two. The work will not be done in Jaffna for many years yet, so that it can safely be left without efficient guiding. At any rate please send us a good man and his wife, as soon as possible. With kind regards

yours truly

J. W. Howland.

Jaffna, Aug. 18, 1890.

Rec'd Sep. 20.

Jaffna Ceylon.
13 Oct. 1890

Rev. N. G. Clarke D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Dear Sir.

In accordance with the permission given in your letter of 9th June, we commenced a Theological Class at Batticotta early in Sept. It took us some time to decide on the candidates, and besides I was rather waiting to hear of Mr. Hitchcock's coming, so that I might have some relief in the College. We finally decided on eight, who I think will make good workers. Three have been through our College course, and four others have had a part of the course, while the eighth has studied in Madras. One is a son of Pastor Bryant of Tangany, and another is a son-in-law of Pastor Rice. They seem earnest Christian young men, and take hold with interest of the village work which they engage in three afternoons of a week. Pastor Rice takes two lessons a day with them, in Stock's Life of Christ and the New Companion to the Bible of the Lond. Rel. Tract Soc. while I take them in Prof. Fisher's Manual of Christian Evidences.

There has been some interest among the College students especially in the two lower classes, and a number seem to have decided for Christ. Twenty or more attend the inquiry class, and we hope the good work will continue next term.

A few weeks ago we, i.e. my wife & I, made a short tour to Kaits and Velany on the island south of us. Two well attended meetings were held at the first place, and Sunday forenoon we went to Velany for preaching and communion. Two were received to the church on profession, and one restored, the two former being the wife and mother-in-law of the latter. There were six received by letter, and four infants were baptized. As the Christians came together from the other islands it was a very pleasant occasion. We also visited a family of Christian sisters who are enduring some persecution for their faith. The Native Evangelical Society has changed its workers and got all three young men, who are hopeful and active, and the work there seems more encouraging. One of them Mr. Frank Anketell, son of a former pastor at Tellippaly was in July examined by the Eccles. Association and licensed to preach, with the expectation of his becoming a pastor soon. At Caradive also a change was made a few months ago, and Moses' place taken by Chas. Sanders, who has been for some time at the head of Udupitty Bdg. School. I think the change will be productive of much good. But I have two less men in this field than a year ago, and should like their places filled. We have recently had a short visit of 10 or 12 days from six young ladies of the Madura Mission. Their visit though short was quite a refreshment and inspiration.

With Christian regards yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Ceylon Oct. 15, 1890

Jaffna Ceylon
17th Oct. 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark DD
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir.

I wrote you two weeks ago expressing my regret that Mr. Hitchcock had not been sent. but did not again definitely ask for him, because I had some hope of securing Mr. Bailey of the Madura Mission. Now that he has set sail for the U.S.A. I have to repeat my request for Mr. Hitchcock. I pointed out to you when I made the request the possibility of his support on the present income. if it is supplemented for a couple of years with the accumulated interest, now in hand. Young men who come here are liable to be disappointed, not finding things as they expected. This was the case with Messrs. Silver, Marsh, and Wallace, though the latter is doing good work. Messrs Wood and Sanders also were not satisfied. Therefore there would be considerable risk in engaging anyone for permanent work. Mr. Hitchcock understands matters well, and is contented, and would put his whole heart into the work. The members of our Mission have so good an opinion of him that they would be glad to see him come as a Missionary, whether ordained or not, if some other suitable person could be secured for the College. But his having been in the College makes a strong reason

for his coming to that. All the natives who have spoken to me on the subject, and are interested in the College such as the members of the Faculty, and of the Board of Directors, prefer him to any new man. Our head teacher said that Mr. Hitchcock is quite as good an instructor as any of the English men in the Madras Christian College. Dr. Hastings advocated his return for permanent work, either in the College, or the Mission. I hope that if you have not secured another man, you will send Mr. & Mrs. Hitchcock as soon as they can get ready, and they do not need to delay for outfit, everything can be got here. We need his help at once. With Christian regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Jaffna, Oct. 14-1890
Recd Nov. 17

Jaffna Ceylon.
24 Nov. 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.,
Dear Sir,

Your letter of Oct 18th has just come to hand. We are very thankful that Mr. & Mrs. Hitchcock are coming to our relief. They will have a warm welcome from all. You mention a Mr. Peck as also liking to come. I have not consulted the Board of Directors, but should like to find out a little more before doing so though I feel safe in saying that I am sure they will be glad of another man here if there is a proper support for him, and if he is a suitable man. I should like to know if he is a married man. and if he wishes to come to stay permanently or only for a term of years. And if he is to stay, how is he to be supported. I believe the Misses Leitch expect to raise funds for only five years. Moreover as to this money they are raising, I may say that from the first I have not liked their collecting for the College, because I did not approve of their methods, and I like it less now. But if you are willing to take the responsibility in the matter and receive and use it for the College, I have nothing to say, and I presume the Board of Directors will make no objection. Your description of Mr. Peck as "thoroughly devoted to natural science," makes me fear a little. We have science instruction in the College, and are interested in

it makes the better teacher so far forth, but we want a man who puts the saving of souls above science. If Mr. Peck is such a man, and not a crank, and is ready to put up with things that he finds different from what he expected. I for one shall be glad to have him come, and I am sure the Board will also be glad, if, as I said, his support can be provided for.

You ask if I can find a native Christian B. A. Possibly I might if I were looking for one, though good ones are not very common. But we do not happen to feel the need of one. One of our graduates J. K. Chanmugam is a B. A. He graduated in '82, and has since that time been employed as a teacher in India. Our third teacher C. Cooke graduated two years before, in '80, and then took one year of postgraduate study, and has since kept up his study while teaching, so that I consider him quite as competent as that B. A. Our fourth teacher, T. Hudson, graduated one year before Chanmugam, in '81, and for all I know is as able a teacher. Mr. Hensman our head teacher went in for the B. A. examination a few years ago, preparing for it by private study, and, as I understand, only failed in the Tamil, and that because he had not sufficiently familiarized himself with the special passages of the heathen books set for the examination. Our staff would have perhaps more reputation if they could write B. A. after their names, but I do not believe they would be any more able or efficient. With our

present number of students we do not need any more native teachers. (We have five now) If Mr. Peck comes we can some of us do more in the High School which has 250 students from the alphabet class up to the 8th standard. with a staff of eight good teachers. In any other College these would be called the preparatory Dept. I should also be able to do more direct evangelistic work.

I give herewith a statement of accounts by which you will see that we need at least Rs. 700. or about $ 300. to close this year. With Christian regards

Yours sincerely

J. W. Howland

Am. Fund in acct with Jaffna College

		Dr.	Cr.
1890 -			
Jan 1.	Bal. debt as reported 11th Jan.	442.79	
Mar. 29.	By Bill of Exchange $200.		2757.78
June 21.	To Mr. Marsh's traveling advan	550.00	
" 26	" " " salary 5 mos. 26 d.	831.12	
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		2757.78	2757.78

J. W. Hoolaan Esq
Jaffna.

Nov. 24. 1890

Jaffna Ceylon.
27 Dec 1890.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Clark

It is rather hard on us to say of the Misses Leitch, that "a great deal has been said about them which is entirely untrue." (see your letter Nov 8th) If you had said that you could not but think that we were mistaken, or something of the sort, it would not be so serious a charge.

It seems very strange to us that the word of two young ladies of comparatively short service should be taken against the word of missionaries of long and approved service. You say in same letter that you are not aware that anything was said to their disparagement until after they left the Mission field, and you cannot account for the great change of sentiment. But is it not as easily accounted for by a change in them as by a change in us, especially when they and not we made a change of work. Moreover they were not till then especially before the public. and there was nothing to be gained by letting others know of any difference, and further the difficulties were only gradually increasing until they culminated in this, and until that time it was continually hoped that the ladies would learn wisdom. Their being ladies was an added reason for forbearance. It has never been denied that they were earnest & enthusiastic

workers, and could make themselves most agreeable. But you will remember that in '85 in the Rooms, while we admitted this we also said that they made us trouble by using money so lavishly, and imprudently making our helpers generally discontented. Before this, in '82, I think it was, they sent a catechist around to nearly every one of our schools to get signatures from the teachers against Mr. Smith's management. These petitions came into my hands and I felt called on to suppress them, and speak plainly to the Misses Leitch of the impropriety of such an endeavor. It is true that a change was made at that time in the school management by which each missionary became a manager, but none the less did the missionaries seriously disapprove of such methods. Again in '86, while we were in America and the Misses Leitch were temporarily in charge of Dodsworth's school they took such measures in regard to admitting new pupils that Dr. Hastings as Committee refused to go there, saying it evidently was not a Mission School. Miss Leitch came to Battiotta and begged him to go, promising to leave everything in his hands, and he went. But afterwards she took in several pupils without consulting him, and whom he would not have admitted, and for the whole or nearly the whole of the new class herself paid the entrance fees whereas we had had great difficulty in enforcing the payment of those fees and since then have had still greater difficulty though we

consider them quite important. When they left it was proposed to put Manippay in charge of Dr. Hastings as being between Batticotta and Codoville, and he being in better health than my Father. But he said he would never take charge of a station after the Misses Le. He also said, then or later, that they had put back self-support 25 years. These matters would not have been brought up had not your recent letter seemed to require it. I might mention many things that would indicate the same - You say, in that letter, that our annual reports did them great credit. But I have looked over those reports and find nothing that specially refers to them, except the statement after they left that their work for seven years was "varied and successful." This we do not deny now, though the reality of the apparent success seems less as time passes on. The phenomenal growth of the Manippay church was followed by a season of depression, and the membership is eleven less now than it was then in '84, a good many of those admitted in haste having had to be dropped at leisure.

But to come to their present enterprise. It was only a few weeks after our return from America that the plan of collecting for the College was broached. No meeting of the Directors was held to discuss it, nor was there even a circular sent around. The Misses Leitch brought the matter before Dr Hastings. He demurred at first, but being persuaded he finally signed their proposals though after their booklet appeared he said

he could not believe he signed all that. After he signed the other members naturally signed without hesitation. I however refused, although the Misses Leitch pleaded earnestly for my signature, which ought to have been considered a sine-qua-non, as I was the Secretary of the Board of Directors. I admitted that the scheme as then stated was good, indeed was just what I had before advocated. But I said that they were going to work the wrong way. Their chief argument was based on caste, and altho there was some truth in it, I was not willing to base our appeals on that when we were doing our best to put down caste. And besides I was sure the appeal would cause unpleasant feeling in India, where they were intending to begin their campaign. Moreover I had heard many unpleasant things said in Colombo, about Miss M. W. Leitch's collecting there for the Adoniville School. After they left I had no correspondence with them as I believe for more than a year. When their first booklet came out we were amazed to see how matters were misrepresented, without making any distinctly false statement. My Father wrote to them protesting against their book. It was only after they had practically engaged Dr. Marston that I wrote at Dr. Hastings' request ~~and~~ protesting against their taking matters into their own hands. From that time the correspondence has gone on, but never on my sole responsibility, and usually with the authority of the Board of Directors. If at any time Dr. Hastings has not

quite approved of my letters, it has been because I did not write strongly enough protesting against their doings.

Early in this year he felt seriously hurt because I was not ready to write to the Prud. Comm. to have them dropped. Dr. Hastings according to his own statement left the College because he could not endure the performances of the Misses Leitch. They told me before they left that they intended to get him out of the College, and they did it. After one of their letters came he could not sleep, and he was not the only one whose rest was broken. We wrote to them that their statements would be likely to give a wrong impression and advised their going on to America where the state of things would be better understood, but we got only abuse, as if attempting to stop them, which we had not. Then they changed the scheme of a Medl. Prof. for Jaffna College to a Medl. Mission, and issued their prospectus in the name of the Directors without getting their approval of the new scheme. Again they began what we consider a dishonest course, finding it difficult to collect a fund for Dr. Marston's support they called for subscriptions for beds in a hospital, writing us that the money for the hospital was secured, but because people would give more readily for beds, they would get Dr. M's. support in this way. Dr. Marston himself considers it dishonest and says he will not take it for his support, as indeed he has written you. One confirmation of our position with reference to the

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Misses Leitch is in the fact that the Marstons who came out in full confidence in the Misses Leitch & believing that we were a strange set of Missionaries have become much more bitter than we against them, and only by the force of facts. They confirm our statements as to misrepresentation. We have heard from Missionaries of other societies in India of the feeling in England against them, that they are interfering with the finances of other societies, that many persons are indignant at the way money is almost forced from them, etc.

Mr. Griffith of the C. M. S. who died last Mar. was very indignant concerning them, and was about to withdraw from the Board of Directors unless we repudiated them entirely. The Govt. Agent and his family feel much the same. Mr. Reigg the chairman of the Wesleyan Mission Jaffna wrote as far back as Feb. '88. "I have sympathy with the object of the Misses L. but none whatever with the way in which they have sought to compass their object. I think they have acted in a quite wrong spirit." Mr. Walker who was their enthusiastic friend, and introduced them in Great Britain, wrote some time since to Dr. Hastings that people were inquiring why they did not go back to their work.

We will agree with you as to your estimate of Dr. Hastings' "poise of mind, sound judgment, and broad & comprehensive view". And this put with the fact that he felt the strongest of anyone in our Mission in regard to the Misses Leitch,

should of itself be enough to confirm our statements and this was not when he was "broken in health," but was apparently in good health. The "grave charge" made in this connection (see our letter No. 8) was on "the best grounds of evidence." the testimony of Dr. Marston who attended him, as you have seen by his letter. The evidence of his family was the same, and it was but too evident to all of us. Of course we do not say that this trouble was the sole cause of his breaking down, but we believe that humanly speaking he might have lived and done good work for some years longer if it had not been for that. Is it strange that we have some bitterness of feeling with sore hearts

You say there was no thought of taking the Mainpuri house which the Hastings occupied it. But the Misses Le wrote plainly that Dr. & Mrs. Hastings might as well go to live with their son at Nauphitty, and Dr. Hastings said, 'they are going to turn us out of house and home.'

If it was only a difference of method we could put up with it as you recommend, and even their personal abuse might be borne however hard to do so, and their changes of plan might be consented to, when they cannot be helped, but there are two things which we feel that we must protest against, and especially the first with sufficient vigor to clear our skirts of complicity. One is the misrepresentations to the public, amounting finally as I have said, to dishonesty.

One of our local papers said some time ago that they were collecting money on false pretences. The Marsters say as much, and they know better than any others here just how matters are presented in England, and their opinion is not prejudice. The other is their constant attempt to set the natives against the Missionaries, charging us with the love of power, and an unwillingness to let the natives have a voice — whereas our constant endeavor has been to get the native Christians on their feet, and able and accustomed to act for themselves. But I need not write more on this unpleasant subject, except to say that if anyone thinks that anything that we have said in regard to the Misses Leitch is "untrue," we shall be glad of specifications, and we are prepared to prove our statements.

As for the B. A.s, there seems to be some misunderstanding. You say (Nov. 8.) "The question is whether a part of the professors and teachers should be natives with a few Americans to assist in the work of instruction." But we have not brought this into question. This is just the plan we have, and what we approve. With Mr. Hitchcock we shall have two American professors not including Mr. Howland and myself, who take each two lessons a day, and we have five native professors or instructors. One of these Mr. Arnold teaches only Tamil and I believe is considered the best Tamil scholar among the Christians of Jaffna. Our head-teacher Mr. Aeusman is the

son of a C. M. S. pastor, and I consider him as good as a B. A. Our two junior teachers are graduates of the College of 11 & 10 years ago, and as they have kept up their studies since, it would be a reflection on our College to say that they are not equal to B. As. I do not say that natives cannot teach "mathematics and physics" well enough. We employ two native professors to one American. But I did say that we do not need any B. As. and that one of them could not fill Mr. Hitchcock's place, and that he is worth three of them. His salary is three times what you spoke of for a B. A., and if, as we believe, it is worth the while having him come, it can only be on the supposition that he is worth three of them. Another reason for our not seeking a B. A. at present is that it would be inconsistent in us to resist the pressure for the affiliation of our College to an Indian University, and yet to seek a man as a teacher, who has a degree from one of those Universities, as if he were better for having the degree. We are pushing for a Ceylon University, and if we get it perhaps our younger teachers will secure the title B. A. for themselves. We hope that in a Ceylon University we could avoid some of the evils of the Indian Institutions. I do not see that Dr. Washburn's opinion, as reported in your letter, at all contravenes my position. But I will say that my own impression was that he lays more stress than we do on title & scholarship as compared with

Christian character, for he employs in the College several heathen professors, and one of our graduates whom he has had for some years, left here as a church member in good standing, but has become there an avowed agnostic. He no doubt fully believes his course to be for the best advancement of Christ's cause, and circumstances are different. But it was that necessity of employing heathen teachers in affiliated Colleges as admitted by all educationalists in India, that made Dr. Hastings so strong against affiliation. I do not admit the necessity, but only mention this to show that Dr. M's example cannot well be quoted against us. It is hardly necessary to speak of Dr. Marston's salary, but your letter indicates a misapprehension in the matter. The Board of Directors has not yet voted him a salary. Long before he came they decided that they could not vote a salary until they had funds sufficient to warrant their doing so. They have not yet rec'd such funds. When he came without the invitation of the Board, they, in order to relieve him from embarrassment as far as possible, voted him a monthly allowance of £25. This was because the Misses Leitch had promised him £330. per year and he was not willing to receive less. When we wrote, while Dr. M was in England, objecting to the amt. they said to us it might be settled after he arrived here, but they wrote him

that they would secure that amount and he came out on that condition.

I am sorry if Mr. Marsh's traveling expenses were excessive, but I have had no means of knowing what they were, as no one has reported them to me. Both he and Mr. Wallace reported their expenses to Boston, and I had no authority or occasion to call for them. I enclose a statement of accts here, which shows a debt of Rs. 686.03 at close of year.

We hope to welcome the Hitchcocks before long. We would be glad to have them board with us and expect them to do so at first. But we made sure that they would prefer to keep house - as is natural for young married people, and especially in this climate where one person's catering is not likely to suit another. We are expending several hundred rupees in putting up a kitchen & store room, and making various changes to make them comfortable. For this we are using money sent by Mrs. St. John.

The matter of the transfer of our stations I leave for a vote of the Mission.

In this letter I have repeated some things written before, but it seemed necessary to have a comprehensive statement in the interests of truth and of the advancement of Christ's kingdom, which can only be by truth and love, both of which we seek to honor. With Christian regards -

Yours truly S. W. Howland.

Jaffna, Dec. 27. 1890

Recd Feb. 6, 1891

23d Jan. 1891.
Jaffna. Ceylon.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Dear Sir

Some time since you sent a letter to Mr. Hastings, which he wishes me to reply to as Secretary. It was with regard to the transfer of pastors. Our churches are all Congregational churches, and thus independent. This being the case, we do not exactly see how we can bring about a change when churches are already supplied. The only method would be for one pastor to resign and then for his church to call a pastor from another church, and then that other church to call the pastor who first resigned. But the probabilities are against the second church wishing to call the first pastor, if his own church are willing to let him resign. The use of strong constraint to bring about such a change, by virtue of our position as Missionaries and dispensers in some cases of aid from the Board funds, would seem to us destructive to the spirit of autonomy in the churches, which we have need to cherish very carefully, as it is of slow growth, and yet, as we believe, is Scriptural and a very important factor in the establishment of the church here.

But perhaps you meant to suggest no more than we are doing and wrote not knowing what we are doing.

For example,- last year when Bishop Thoburn wrote to me asking for two native workers I made the fact known, and Pastor Hotsington of the Clodsville church consulted me as to offering himself. I did not advise him strongly, but favored it enough to make the application for him. He was accepted and went to Singapore. This left a vacancy in his church which soon after called Pastor Iliatamby of the Pandiseripo church, and he has now gone there. This leaves his church vacant, but they feel sore, and are not willing to call a pastor at present, so we locate a catechist there asking them to pay his salary. Moreover in the middle of the year we changed the location of five of our licensed preachers, three of whom we expect will become ~~preachers~~ pastors. These men and other helpers who are not installed we can and do change from time to time. But we were taught by the Deputation especially to aim to develop the pastorate, and what more we can do in the line you suggest than we are already doing we do not see. With Christian regards

yours sincerely

J. W. Haviland.

Sec. A. C. M.

Calcutta Jan. 23, 1891

Recd Mar. 3.

Jaffna Ceylon.
24th Jan. 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Dear Sir,

At our recent Business Meeting we considered the Appropriations, and think we can get along on the amount allowed. We are much obliged to the Committee for making the allowance in rupees without regard to exchange. We shall probably not be able to make the reduction on repairs, but it can most likely come out of traveling for this year.

Owing to the expected departure of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hastings we were puzzled as to what to do with their work, especially the Girls' Boarding School. We do not consider it safe to leave such a school without a Missionary, nor are we ready to close it unless compelled to do so, for it is doing an important work. We tried to get one or two of the young ladies from the Madura Mission, at least temporarily, but did not succeed, so we voted that the Smiths should go there temporarily. This will require Mr. Smith's presence at Tellippaly 10 miles distant, two or three days in a week, on account of the Training School, and is a very undesirable arrangement for his health, and in every way, aside from the fact that he will have four stations to superintend. We asked some time ago for a Missionary family, but get no response except a suggestion about a Medl Missionary who, if he came, would not go.

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to that station. Therefore we have to ask that the Prudential Committee will send us at least two young ladies. We do not think it desirable that one should live alone so far away. Moreover there is even now great need for one or two more at Odoorville. My Sister cannot meet all the needs, and in attempting to do so is greatly overworked and liable to a breakdown. My Father keeps on bravely, but his health is uncertain and may give way at any time. In either contingency two ladies would be imperatively needed at once at Odoorville. Therefore we hope that you will send us the needed relief as soon as possible. If possible before the middle of the year. The need is so great that we thought of telegraphing, but feared a cablegram might not be understood. Please send the family and the ladies the latter at least at once. - With Christian regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Sec. A. C. M.

Jaffna, Jan. 29, 1891

Recd Mar. 3

Jaffna Ceylon
22 Apr. 91.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir

I send herewith a copy of our annual report. I intended to prepare it while on the Hills in Feb. but the different reports did not all reach me until just before I left, and since then I have been so busy I have let this give place to more pressing matters. I am sorry if it seemed a very long time before you heard from us about the transfer of Medical funds. Your letter of Dec 11. reached us about Jan. 14th. You asked us to decide the matter as a Mission before making it public. We met as a Mission on the 19th Jan. Then I referred the matter to the Directors by circular, and they decided to have a meeting which came 31st Jan. Sat. night. Mon. morning we left for the Hills, and I wrote you immediately after arriving there - about a week later. Your letter of Mar. 18th just rec'd tonight. I will send a statement in a few days. I go to an ordination on the Islands at 4 in the morning. With kind regards - yours sincerely

L. W. Howland
Sec. A.C.M.

Jaffna, Jan. 29, 1891

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Jaffna Ceylon
2d May 91

Rev. N. G. Clark DD

Dear Sir

Your letter of 26th Mar. came to hand last night. I do not think that I have objected to sending letters from the boys to the donors. I only declined to send them to Miss. Leitch because I do not consider her to be trusted. She tore up one whole batch of letters that Dr. Hastings sent, because they were not good enough, and she sent others according to her pleasure. I wrote to her that if she would send me the addresses of the donors and let me know what boys had been assigned to them respectively so far as she knew, I would see that the boys wrote the letters. But instead of doing that, she asked me to send to Mr. McLean. But of course he either sends them to her, or distributes according to her direction. One of the boys had the address of his benefactor and I forwarded his letter. I have also got the addresses of two or three others to whom letters will be sent. If she will send the addresses now letters will be sent from all, but I am not willing to do otherwise, and it seems to me but a fair request. I see that in their "Letter no. 4," they add in with amts. given to Jaffna College, interest on the scholarships £120-10-0 as if this were in hand, whereas

it is being expended all the time, as fas as it comes in, I find that her account differs in some respects from what Dr. Hastings passed over to me. so I shall have to verify details if possible. With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

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S. W. Howland
to Pres. May 2 1889

Jaffna Ceylon.
22d May '91.

Dear Dr. Clark,

We were much grieved when we heard recently of the death of your son. We had hoped that he would be fully restored to health, and be spared to be a comfort and aid to you, when the time comes that the need for such aid is felt. But our Father never makes a mistake or is unkind to us his children, and we can rejoice in the higher service on which the one who has gone before has entered, and feel confident that when our time of need comes our every need shall be supplied. May the God of all comfort, comfort your hearts and minds with the consolations of perfect peace.

I am sorry to say that Mrs. Howland has been laid up with fever for six weeks, in consequence of the unusual heat of the past hot season. But I am glad to report that she is just getting about a little, and as the weather has changed, I hope she will rapidly recover her usual health. Mrs. Hitchcock also has been quite ill for some time but seems to be improving a little now.

With kind regards and sympathy for Mrs. Clark and yourself - from us both, yours sincerely

J. W. Howland.

Jaffna, May 22, 1891

Recd June 25

Jaffna Ceylon
22 May '91.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir:

The reading of the conditions on which the Prudential Committee were willing to take over the funds of the Medl Dept. was rather surprising to us. The two principal reasons for our asking a transfer were: 1. because Dr. Marston refused to teach, and we were a teaching body. 2. because the funds were not secured, some established society could take the responsibility of a physician's support, until they were secured.

The first of these reasons was removed by the departure of Dr. Marston, as probably we could get a successor who would be willing to teach. The second reason is made void by the refusal of the Committee to send a Doctor until the funds are secured. The only remaining reason is our objection to the methods of collecting funds. Again we do not feel willing to transfer the funds if they may ultimately be used for other purposes as the Pruds. Committee say. Our Board of Directors has not yet had another meeting, but I am inclined to think that they will object to the transfer with these conditions.

I send a statement of the funds, which I think needs no explanation,

With reference to the Chavagachery house, as I said before, we are not able to sell it, but we are willing to have it occupied, on the condition that the Mission is consulted if permanent buildings are erected on Mission land. With kind regards

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Sec. A. C. M.

Jaffna, May 22, 1891
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Jaffna Ceylon
22d May '91.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. M.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Apr. 11, came to hand recently. We had the opportunity of seeing a long extract from the letter of J. S. Tambapilly. It was something like the case of the young Amalekite who brought the crown of Saul to David. This young man sent the extract of many pages to Dr. Marston. Dr. Marston sent him a very severe reproof in reply and sent the letter to us to read. The young man had the effrontery last year to send to me for copies of our annual reports that he might prove to our Board that they were false. Again when I wrote to him for money for his nephew whom I had rec'd into College on the strength of a promise of his he wrote me a most abusive letter. And he did the same to one of the teachers who wrote to him for a subscription. His letter is only a sample of the feeling that has been stirred up. His home is about a mile from here, and he studied in this College, but is now employed in Colombo. I hope the unpleasant feeling is abating a little. With Christian regards

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland
Sec. A. C. M.

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Jaffna, May 22, 1891

Recd June 25

Copy of letter sent to Dr Howland.

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Dean Clough Mills,

Halifax, 21st May. 1891 188

Rev S.W. Howland, D.D.
Batticotta,
Jaffna, Ceylon.

Dear Sir,

Four years ago the Misses Leitch circulated in this country a pamphlet setting forth a scheme for the endowment of a Union College in Jaffna, i.e. a college in association with two English Missions and an American.

The scheme was extensive and far-reaching, having to its scope more especially the unevangelised masses of the adjacent Indian continent. A medical mission was one of the features of the scheme and bursaries were asked for which would enable earnest-minded X'tian young men with a desire for mission work to gain the necessary medical equipment to become medical evangelists pledged to mission-work in India.

From conversation with friends who have recently returned from Jaffna, I learn that the pamphlet above referred to was compiled and circulated in this country solely and upon the entire responsibility of the Misses Leitch. That this large scheme was never properly discussed and accepted by the different Missions in Jaffna.

I have communicated with Dr Clark of the American Board & he corroborates this in the following remark:—"The arrangements for Dr Marston were made too exclusively by the ladies, with-

Copy of letter sent to Mr Hartland.

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up the work which the Misses Leitch have set forth and that they have
requested the American Board to relieve them of their difficulties.

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that such work was uncalled for in view of the great deal that had
been done for Jaffna in the past and of the more urgent claims of
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-lege board which will not take up the responsibilities which the Misses Leitch incurred.

Four years is a long time to allow funds to remain un--touched and I am much surprised that the Medical Bursaries have not already been returned to the Donors.

I would add in conclusion that Dr Clark has intimated to me that the American board is taking over the funds on the under-standing that the Donors consent to the transfer and that any Don--ors who desire to have their donations returned should receive them.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dr Clark, & remain

Yours truly,

Edward Crosby

Dr H. C. Clark

Dear Sir After thinking the matter carefully over I came to the conclusion to write to Dr Hazland for any donations to be returned. It seems to me to be a most serious thing for any one to be asking for money for a scheme which has no foundation especially in connection with Mission Work. Some steps ought to be taken to prevent such a proceeding. Thanking you very much for your reply I remain Dear Sir Yours very truly Edward Crosby

I am not aware that I have had any communication with Dr Trowbridge

Jaffna Ceylon.
13th June '91.

Dear Dr. Clarke

It is with sincere sorrow that I have to report the death of Mrs. Hitchcock last week Tues. the 2nd inst. For nearly two months she had been daily growing weaker, but we did not realize that she could leave us until a few days before the end, altho for some time we had been anxious about her. As soon as we returned from the Hills Mar. 12. the Hitchcocks moved into their new quarters having been getting them ready during the vacation, and their rooms were fitted up very pleasantly with the aid of Mr. Hastings' furniture, as they were not able to buy very largely. Mrs. Hitchcock seemed to take great pleasure in their new home, but very soon she took a cold which led to congestion of the lungs and caused considerable bleeding from the lungs. At the same time she was not able to keep down her food. The bleeding was stopped after a few days, but the sickness continued excessive and unchecked. It was no doubt increased by the hot weather which I think was more trying than any season I have known before. Our Mission physician Dr. Chapman did what he could, but did not seem to consider the case serious. Finally they called in Dr. Nell the assistant Colonial Surgeon, and he seemed to help her, but suddenly an unfavorable turn set in and in a few

days she passed away. Mrs. Howland was hardly off from her sick-bed at the time but my sister was here for some days, and Mrs. Smith also came, and Mrs. Trimmer of the Wesleyan Mission was very kind. Mrs. Howland did not get the expected benefit from our visit to the Hills, as she was kept in much by a kind of boil, apparently the result of previous fever as Dr. Lewis Scudder thought. Not long after our return she was affected by the sun in attending a communion service at Sangany, and the fever came on again. For several weeks she was not able to be about the house. The native doctors' treatment did not seem to help her, and it was only when we called in Dr. Nell that she began to get better. I am thankful to say that she has now almost recovered her usual health and I hope will soon be quite well. Mrs. Hitchcock was fortunate in securing the services of an experienced Tamil nurse who was a great help to her. We feel very much the loss of Mrs. Hitchcock. In the short time we knew her we learned to appreciate her many excellencies. She gave promise of great usefulness, and was of such amiable disposition as well as earnestness of spirit that we were looking forward with pleasure to many years of help in the common cause. The funeral was held in the Batticcotta church and the burial was at Oodoville, the Christians and College students accompanying the hearse the seven miles with singing

The English Missionaries and Civilians showed their sympathy. Mr. Hitchcock was much overcome by his loss but is bearing it with Christian resignation. The Trimmers persuaded him to spend a week with them. and the close of our term comes in a few days. You will have read in the "Miscellany" of changes in contemplation. in our College course so as to affiliate with the Calcutta University. I will write you more fully on the point in a few days. With Christian regards—

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Jaffna, June 13, 1891.
Rec'd July 20.

Mrs Hitchcock's death

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Jaffna Ceylon
28th July '91.

Dear Dr. Clark

Your letter of June 19th came to hand a few days ago. I am sorry if I have not kept you sufficiently informed as to College matters. But in the College Miscellany for March '91, of which I sent you a copy, it was stated that we were considering the question of affiliation to the Calcutta University. I have also referred to the matter in writing, promising a fuller explanation. It did not seem necessary to write you before deciding, because in a letter of yours to Dr. Hastings some time ago you suggested such a course if I remember rightly, and in another letter you said that if it was so decided by the Directors he would have to accept the situation, but must secure the Christian character of the Institution. Dr. Hastings felt strongly against affiliation. My feeling was that there was weight to his objections and that it was better to keep from affiliation if we could keep our hold on the community. After I came to the College we kept on the same course for 1½ years, and would have continued longer if circumstances had remained the same. But I became painfully aware of what I had to some extent observed before, i.e. of a gradual dragging downwards. It was for this that a year was added to the course

some years ago, to bring it up to the first standard. This year the three classes that were in before I came were almost all poor scholars, not fit to go on with the lessons they were studying. The class that left a year ago were better. Of this year's senior class of eight, at least four would probably not have passed our final examination by outsiders. It was difficult to get up any enthusiasm in teachers or students. This was not due to any defect in the teachers, but to the fact that owing to the increased desire for University degrees our certificates were less valued. We being a small institution could not stand by ourselves. And gradually though unintentionally, from the necessity of keeping up the number of pupils so as to pay the teachers the standard was lowered.

Then in Dec. last, three of our graduates went in to the Madras Matriculation examination and all failed. Of course one reason was that that examination requires special preparation, but the fact told against us, both in the community and among the students. The feeling was that if our graduates were not fit to enter an Indian College, our education must be poor. At the same time the determination of the Wesleyan and Church Missionary Societies to raise the grade of their institutions and affiliate with the Indian Universities in response to the demand of the community and

perhaps because our College had not quickly enough responded to the demand, seemed likely to leave us in the lurch. I should still have tried to get on a while longer with the Senior Cambridge Local examinations, but the Director of Public Instruction in his visit in March told me that he had decided to give that up, and introduce the London University Examinations. This in connection with all the other influences which seemed to culminate at that time led us to take action at once. All the Directors of the College were in favor of the change. Subsequent events have shown that if we had not taken action just as we did we would have been hopelessly out of the race, for it is now a close and not very uneven competition. Mr. Trimmer the chairman of the Wesleyan Mission has declined his election as a member of the Board on the ground that the presence of the chairman of their Mission on that Board has given color to misrepresentations by the Misses Leitch as to our College being a union College. They have affiliated with Madras University, and call their institution the Jaffna Central College. The Church Mission institution is being affiliated with Calcutta, and is called St. John's College, and they have just appointed Rev. J. Hall, M.A. as principal. Dr. Macdonald of the Indian Evangelical Review, Calcutta, is managing our application for us. So far I do not see unfavorable religious

influence. and I believe we can keep it as it has been in the past. From what I have seen so far I believe the change will be of much benefit to us. It does not at once much increase our number of students. We have 82 at present. but I think our numbers will somewhat increase.

I enclose a statement of account which shows that the fund is in debt to me Rs 810.80 or about £60. Owing to Mrs. Hitchcock's death the expense for the coming six months will be somewhat less. Mr. Hitchcock has said nothing about future plans. but he is working well and we are glad to have him stay on.

I also send a summary of our current account which has been audited for the Board. This does not include the Boarding Establishment, which has an expenditure of over Rs 3500.00. for the year.

We shall probably close our next financial year in Feb. '92. You will find a brief report of the year in the July Miscellany which will be out in a few days. With Christian salutations

yours sincerely

J. W. Howland.

Jaffna Jan. 28. '91.

Jaffna Ceylon.
29th Aug. '91.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir

I have delayed a little in sending you our estimates for 1892. thinking that I might hear from you again on the matter. In your letter of Mar. 11. you say that the allowance for '92 not including new missionaries, is $8,800. This amount was evidently fixed without taking into account our reduced force, altho the changes must have been known by the Committee some time before the date of your letter. You will see that our estimates total only $7940. or $860. less than the allowance. We have reduced only Rs. 182. on the estimates for general work which we sent a year ago. But we trust that this sum which we have estimated will be allowed, seeing that it is considerably below the amount fixed by the Committee, and the funds are coming in more freely, and exchange is not as unfavorable as was feared. Nine of our churches will be self-supporting, paying about Rs. 3336. to their pastors, and other pastors and preachers are paid Rs 1776. making a total of over Rs. 5000. or nearly the amount we ask

for helpers. Of the total amount asked, the Women's Board of Missions gives Rs 2400, besides the salary of two lady missionaries.

We shall overrun on repairs this year because the Oodooville house roof was found to be unsafe, and has been repaired at a cost of nearly Rs 1000. It seemed necessary to be done at once, without waiting for permission.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Sec. A. C. M.

S. W. Howland.

Ceylon. Aug 29/91.

Jaffna Ceylon.
13th Oct 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Dear Dr. Clark

Your letter of Sept 5th came to hand last night. We were glad when we heard of the prospect of a new Mission family. But the fact of the Bells having to save $700. a year seems to put them out of the question. They can only live on less than the regular allowance by adopting Mrs. Hillis' plan - with its disastrous results. We are sorry for the hindrance because we need help, and we hope that some one may soon be found -

With reference to the College I think we are, even at present, quite capable of raising the standard, and in fact are doing it. Mr. Wallace received his B. A. degree this year from Hamilton College, on my recommendation to President Darling, after I had examined him on the subjects of their senior year.

If our students stay on to the B. A. examination, as I hope and expect that some of them will, I think we are able to prepare them for their examinations.

With kind regards -

yours sincerely
J. W. Howland -
Sec. A. C. M.

Jaffna, Oct. 13, 1891

Recd Nov. 27

Jaffna, Ceylon.
6th Nov. 1891.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.,
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Dear Dr. Clark.

In accordance with your letter of Sep. 26th rec'd last night, I today send you a cablegram, "Yes." This you will understand to mean that we are favorable to the plan of Rev. E. Bell and wife coming as members of the Mission. This you would have understood from my letter sent some six weeks ago, in connection with my previous cablegram. My later letter of Oct. 13th referred to yours in which you spoke of the $700. obligation which the Bell Brothers had, but I conclude that that has been arranged for.

Our action does not imply that we think there would be no benefit to the College from another man, but it means that we think the needs of the Mission much greater than of the College at present.

I am thankful to say that Mrs. Howland has pretty much recovered from the attack of influenza which came upon her not long after she had recovered from a long siege of fever, and did not let go its grip for many weeks. Several among the English are now suffering with it. Our cool weather has now come,

and we are not likely again for a long time to have such trying weather as for the past two years. Already we have had unusual rains. With the feeling that we have so few workers and so much seems waiting to be done, there is the constant impulse to go beyond our strength. But I think we feel that the fewer we are the greater is the need of our husbanding our strength, and I trust that we may be spared to the work many more years.

I have to thank you for the sample copies of the Inductive Bible Studies. If our College students had a separate Sunday School as formerly, I might like them. But it seems to me better that they take part in the church life and work, and so they attend the church Sunday School, except those who conduct Sunday Schools. All our churches use the International lessons, as well as the C. M. S. churches, and lesson papers are printed in Tamil by our local Tract Society. I do not think that they would change at present. With Christian regards —

Yours sincerely
J. W. Howland
Sec. A. C. M.

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Jaffna. Nov. 6. 1891.

Filed Jan. 5, 1892.

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Dec. 1891 — Home Sanitarium

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Dec. 1891.

As a Mission we are not prepared to recommend the proposed Institution. It is possible that some ~~one~~ of our number might hereafter like to avail themselves of such a plan if the way were open, but it does not seem to us probable. For one thing the communication between here and India is not always easy. For another, missionaries here do not find difficulty in keeping children until the age of 10 or even 14 without injury to health, and after that age it is desirable that they be in the home land. It is

doubtful if any here would be widding to be parted from their children befor that unless under very unusual circumstances. Therefore all things considered, altho we would not object to our Board taking a share in such an enterprize, we do not urge it on our own account.

signd. S. W. Howland
Sec. A. C. M.

Jaffna Ceylon –
14th Jan. 1892.

Dear Dr. Clark,

I send herewith the statement of College accounts, by which you will see that we needed Rs. 1300. to close the year. This would have seriously inconvenienced us if we had not had other funds to draw upon. I am glad to report a good degree of religious interest in the College the latter part of the year, and that some twenty of the students took a stand on the Lord's side. We hope to receive some of them at our next communion. I was the more glad of this as indicating that our affiliation has not injured the religious character of the College, as some feared. Mr. Hitchcock has just been having a visit of three weeks from Mr. Shutson of the Pasumalai College, which we have all enjoyed. All are in usual health. With kind regards

yours sincerely
S. W. Howland
Principal Jaffna College.

Jaffna, Jan. 14, 1892

Recd Feb. 16

Jaffna Ceylon -
15th Jan 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.,
Dear Sir,

We have to thank the Prudential Committee for granting our estimates for 1892. Our appropriations will be sent in a few days -

We had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. & Mrs. Bell and child on New Year's day. We are much pleased with what we have seen of them both, though we fear they are not strong enough to stand this climate. They are located at Udupitty for the present, which is quite a relief to the Smiths. The attempt to live at two stations for the past eight months, has been hard on both of them.

I hope that you will be able to get a competent physician out here within a few months. The Friend-in-Need Society's Hospital has many enemies. Its special defender is the Govt. Agent, but he also has many enemies. The Hospital is supported by this voluntary Society, which gets a grant-in-aid from the Government of Rs. 6000, yearly. The Tamil Representative in the Legislative Council opposed the appropriation very strongly this year, and insists that the Hospital be put under Govt. supervision. It is almost sure to come to that, unless

Jaffna, Jan. 14, 1892

a competent Missionary takes the supervision within six or eight months. Mr. Thoynam, the Govt. Agent is very anxious to keep it a voluntary Institution, and with this object wants our doctor to take charge of it. Dr. Marston was expected to take it, but he was not willing to recognize Dr. Paul, (one of Dr. Green's students, who has been at its head for 15 years or more) as a "qualified physician", or consult with him, and insisted that everything must be put into his own hands. He complained that they wanted him to be a mere figure-head, and have Dr. Paul have the credit of his (Dr. M's.) qualifications. It is no doubt a difficult position. But one who is willing to put missionary spirit before professional pride and who has some tact, can take the place and in time have it practically in his hands.

Jaffna, Jan. 15, 1897
Recd Feb. 16

I believe I have not reported the ordination at Caradive in Dec. of Mr. Chas. M. Sanders. The occasion was a very pleasant one. The church will now become self-supporting. At the annual Meeting of our Eccles. Assoc. our 15 churches reported only 56 additions on confession of faith, a less number than for many years. The total of membership is now 1521. The outlook is encouraging.

With Christian regards, yours sincerely

S. W. Howland Sec. A.C.M.

Jaffna, Ceylon
23d Jan. '92.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir.

Your letters of Dec. 14 & 15 have just come to hand. We are glad to know that there is prospect of further reinforcements. We have not thought it wise to designate stations beforehand, as we all expect to go wherever most needed. A few months ago we wanted two young ladies for Uduppitty. One could have managed, but we do not think it wise to have one alone so far away, and two would find work enough. Now that the Bells are at Uduppitty, there is not the same need there. At present our special need is for one young lady to work with my sister at Uduvil. But we shall be very glad of two in the Mission, and will have no difficulty in finding work for the second. There is general need at all the stations and always liability of urgent need.

With reference to your request for a detailed statement of the Medical funds in my hands I have to call attention to the fact that I sent you such a statement last May 28th. Since that time I have transferred to the Mission acct. Rs. 8300, as will be seen by the account I am sending to Treas. Ward. I have not transferred the whole, 1st because a good part is in Fixed Deposit with other funds, and if taken out before due

Jaffna, Jan. 18, 1892

I lose the interest on the other funds as well, and 2d because I have had no definite authorization as yet from the Board of Directors, which is delayed owing to our not having had official information from the Edinburgh Committee as to the consent of the donors, and not having heard further from Mr. Crossley, who objected to the transfer. I have felt justified in transferring what I have, because two deposits were drawable, and there was cash in hand, and I have in hand enough of Treas. Ward's Bills to at once retransfer if necessary. I have not written again to the Edinburgh Committee or Mr. Crossley as I was waiting until I could tell them something definite from you, about a doctor.

At our Business meeting two days ago we settled our appropriations for the year - the only change from our estimates being in transferring J. Sanders from assistants to Pastors' list, with the expectation of his ordination very soon - and employing one more man at Udupitty as Munshi for the Bells. But the total is just what we asked and what was granted, and therefore need not be repeated here.

With Christian regards —

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland
Sec. A. C. M.

Rev. S. W. Howland

Jaffna. Ceylon

Jan. 23, 1892

March 14th 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir

With reference to the question in your letter of Jan. 21. as to what our students will do for the B.A. examination, I do not know that I need to add anything to what I said in my letter of 13th Oct. '91. that I think we are, with our present staff, able to prepare them for that examination. I think we shall have no difficulty in getting our College affiliated up to the B.A. examination just as soon as we have students who have passed the F.A. and are preparing for B.A. which we expect next year. We have three now preparing for the F.A. of next Feb. and have just presented 16 for the Entrance.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
L. W. Rowland
Sec. A. C. M.

March 15, 1892

Recd April 16

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22d March. 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clarke D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Feb. 11th is at hand. I do not understand why it is necessary to write so repeatedly about the transfer of the Medical Funds, without waiting to hear my explanations, or ignoring what I have written. You say, "it is best for us to know just what funds we have in hand for the medical mission." whereas I gave a detailed statement of the funds in my hand last May. Also in Sep. (18th) I said we did not object to the transfer. I have explained in my letter of Jan. 23d one reason for delay, which I wrote to Treas. Ward some time before, I believe, that is that the funds were deposited for a year in the Bank, on different dates, and if drawn out before the dates due, a part of the interest would be lost, and not only so but other College funds were in the same deposits, and they also would lose, and I did not see any special reason for haste to justify such a loss, seeing that the funds are not needed until a medical man is sent, of which there does not seem to be a very near prospect as yet. Moreover, as I said, the Directors had not formally sanctioned the transfer, but had only expressed their willingness to do so on certain conditions. They have now sanctioned it, as I wrote you on the 3d inst. even though one of the conditions was not ful-

filled. i.e. official notice as to the consent of the donors. You say that notice was given to the public through a published statement of the representative of the Misses Leitch in Edinburgh. This is the first I have heard of this, though of course we felt justified in assuming that the equivalent of this had been done in some way. You say that I "simply hold the funds under the control of the Directors of Jaffna College, and at the request of the Misses Leitch." I admit that the first part was true, but do not admit the last. The money was not under the control of the Misses Leitch after it had been sent here, and indeed most of it was sent by the Edinburgh Committee. The instructions of the Directors I have followed without delay.

With Christian regards.

Yours sincerely
J. W. Howland,
Sec. Am. Ceylon Mission.

P.S. Personally I may say that a little more confidence in us, and less control by the Misses Leitch would be agreeable to us. I should agree with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Hastings as reported by you, were I not confident that God can overrule all for good. The influence of the Misses Leitch in Jaffna has been most baneful, and I look forward to their proposed return with the gravest apprehension.

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Jaffna, Mar. 22, 1892
Recd April 21

Private

Copy of Letter from Mr. Bell —

Kodaikanal Apr. 24, 1892.

My Dear Dr. Howland,

There is a matter on my heart of which I must inform you before you leave the hills indeed I promised God that I would tell you today. It is a heavy cross, and I have put off telling you as long as I can with a good conscience. I have spoken with Mr. Smith and have a letter ready to send to Dr. Clark. The matter is this. For some weeks I have had an intense conviction that I must come on to India, and that I must offer myself to the Church of England in India. No amount of reasoning lessens my conviction, nor does giving myself diligently to the work, nor yet the criticisms of Mr. Smith. I know that this information will grieve my brethren, for you have received us and loved us and have hoped for substantial help from us. Jaffna is a beautiful place, a delightful field of work, and you are witnesses that I love my brethren and am happy with them. It seems almost sinful to think of forsaking a work to which I was so providentially called, and to turn away from Americans who understand me to strangers who may misjudge me — and I attempt this course with much trembling. Yet there is no man that hath forsaken brethren or lands for the kingdom's sake who shall fail

Copy of Letter from Mr. Bell, Apr. 24, 1892

of his reward. I shall be glad to show you the letter I have written to Dr. Clark, and to talk with you as you may wish. But my conviction is intense and persistent, and I know it will not cease. I must fulfil it. I do not know how soon a door may be opened into the Church of England, nor do I know how soon the American Board will be willing to release me. Until I have further guidance and opportunity I desire to be as useful to our mission as I possibly may.

I am

Respectfully and affectionately yours
(sg) Ernest A. Bell

Jaffna, May 2, 1892.
Rec'd June 7.

Jaffna, Ceylon
2d May 92

Rev. N. G. Clark DD
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir

I am sure you will regret to hear of the decision of Mr. Bell to leave our Mission and join the C.M.S. in India. I do not myself fully understand his reasons, but he seems to be conscientious in it. I am sure it is not for a lack of kindly reception and appreciation on the part of his associates, nor could it be from lack of opportunity of work, though perhaps not on so grand a scale as he had an idea of. We were quite pleased with both Mr. Bell and his wife, and were hoping for a move forward in the work. What we feared however as to their health has unfortunately proved true in the case of Mrs. Bell, who has had to be taken to the Hills in what seemed a dying condition. It is pretty certain that if she had not gone there, her life would have ended more quickly than Mrs. Hitchcock's and similarly. But we trust that now she will soon recover. What we feared also as to ecclesiastical relations has proved true, Mr. Bell does not think that Congregationalism is best adapted to Mission work, and seeks a stronger polity. Thus once again have the Misses Leitch's undertakings come to naught, as they are almost sure always to do.

and through no fault of ours, but because they are based on misrepresentations. We are sorry that we are not to have a Doctor this year, as this will now probably throw our medical work into opposition to the Government and arouse antagonism on the part of the Govt. Agent as well, to say nothing of the losing of Rs 1500 a year, which is more than the Misses Leitch have actually secured, or seem likely to do.

Your letter of Mar 28th has just come to hand. It is painful to me to have the Misses Leitch's sentiments so often repeated to us without any regard to our statements. I wrote you 2d May '71. in reply to yours of 26th Mar. '71. that I am ready to see that the boys send letters to the benefactors, if I can have the names and addresses of those benefactors, but that I am not willing to have them sent in a lump either to the Misses Leitch, or to the Edinburgh Committee to be distributed according to the Misses Leitch's directions, because I am not willing to be a party to the use I have reason to believe they make of them. I am sure my condition is a very fair and simple one, and the very fact that for these three years they have been unwilling to meet it shows their position. As to the boys' pledging themselves to return the money if they do not enter Mission service, I published a statement in the Miscellany two years ago,

to which I called your attention at the time. I now enclose a copy. This is another sample of the honesty of the Miss Leitch, in that they urged me to get a mere written promise from the boys, when I had pointed out that only a mortgage deed would be collectable, they evidently implying that if only the condition of the donors was nominally complied with it made no difference if the boys did not pay up. At present the Bursaries are only given to Christian boys, and, although I give more aid than I think is good for them, I cannot use up nearly all the interest of the fund; whereas I find myself in difficulty to aid needy and worthy boys who are not Christians, where I think the money would be wisely spent, as they are likely to become Christians if under our influence 4 or 6 years. I think it is a great mistake to hamper funds by conditions. We are just receiving additions to our classes of about 15 boys, all but three or four needing aid and only one a Christian.

With reference to Govt. grants Dr. Hastings was most decidedly of the opinion that we ought to keep clear of them. Besides we have now raised our standard and we take boys from the 7th standard or above, and could only present our lowest class of say 20 boys, who might earn in all Rs 200, which would not be worth the trouble, aside from the fact that it would injure our regular studies.

and unfavorably affect our position in the community. Our High School however, which is kept distinct, presents about 200 boys, and receives Rs 800. a so.

Perhaps it is not necessary to explain further about the Medical Funds, since they have been already transferred. But it would meet your criticism that the transfer was voted by the Directors a year ago, to say that that vote was conditional, and another vote was needed to indicate that in their opinion the conditions had been complied with. I do not remember having received from you, as you say, a statement from Mr. McLean.

We have just received word from Calcutta that of the sixteen boys we presented for the Entrance examination fourteen have passed, which we consider very encouraging.

The Draft for £119-11-8 came safely to hand. I have no building fund, but I can easily use the £25-14-7 for either repairs or new buildings.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

G. W. Howland

Kodikanal Apr. 24/92

Jaffna, Ceylon.
10th May 92.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Dear Sir.

We returned two weeks since from the Hills where we had spent seven weeks with much pleasure and profit, both physically and otherwise. We were thus absent during the hottest weather, which, tho not as trying as for a year or two past, was yet very hot we understand. We had also the advantage of being there a part of the time with the Madura missionaries which hindered somewhat in accomplishing all the writing and study we wanted, but was by no means time wasted. This sanitarium is a sine-qua-non for our work, and a very blessed one it is, though the journey there and back is still rather hard. We begin our new College year with good courage, having heard from Calcutta a good result of our first attempt at University Examinations, passing 14 out of 16, while the C.M.S. College passed only 1 out of 8. The Brahmin convert in company with Pastor Hunt has been making a tour of the Islands, and there seems to have been considerable interest aroused. Two are to be received to the church at Velany next Sabbath. Jacob Candar, who was for many years

the Bible Society Colporteur for our Mission and has since his health failed last year been attempting to work in Baradive, died two months ago. Tohim it was a happy release. Pastor John Niles of the C. M. S. who was educated in our Mission, and whose father was for many years in the employ of our Mission, died about the same time. Two brothers of his are Ministers in the Wesleyan Mission. The sixth of our Theological students was married in Feb. and the seventh and last is to be married tomorrow to the daughter of Pastor Bryant.

The abolition of the tithe tax on the rice crops from this year and on other grains from last year, is quite a relief to many of our Christians, and we hope we may see a marked increase in their contributions, though they were doing pretty well before.

Receipts increasing

4th June – This letter was written so far sometime since and then laid aside. I now send it on, only adding that Mr. Smith's health is so affected by his extra duties that he is obliged to go to the Hills next week. Two days ago my Father had an ill turn that we thought might call him Home, but I am glad to say that he seems to be coming around to his usual health.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

L. W. Haviland.

Jaffna Ceylon
21st May 92

Rev. N. G. Clark DD
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir

Your letter of Apr. 13. came a few days ago, with the proposal to send Dr. Bell. The proposal is favored by all the Missionaries, the only question being as to Dr. Bell's willingness. I went today to see Mr. Twynam, the Govt. Agent. He says the F. M. Society will stick to their agreement to give Rs. 500. yearly and only require two days in a week, but that their funds will not allow of much more than that. The other Rs 1000. was promised directly by the Govt. and Mr. Twynam says the promise held good as long as Gov. Gordon was here, but is somewhat doubtful now. However he will write at once to Mr. Swettenham, the Acting Colonial Secretary, who is very favorably disposed, and he thinks that most probably it can be secured, though it may have to come before the Legislative Council first. There will be a delay of a week or two before we can get a reply, and possibly several weeks. If we get a favorable reply, on which we can rely, I will at once telegraph 'Yes' as requested. Meanwhile

I write this to let you know how the matter lies. With kind regards, & in haste

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Sec. A.C.M.

Lafora, May 21, 1892

Recd June 25

Jaffna Ceylon.
28th May 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.,
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.,
Dear Sir,

Your letters of the 18th & 22d Apr. came to hand a few days since. In the latter you ask if all the Missionaries are prepared to sign such a statement as that which I made with reference to the Misses Leitch. You know that Mr. R. C. Hastings is ready to do so. As I understand it, his objection to returning is the belief that what good he might otherwise be able to do would be to a great extent nullified by their influence. Dr. Hastings would have seconded that statement most heartily, and my Father in a letter he is now writing you says that their influence here was injurious. We four were the missionaries present in the field when the Misses Leitch left, and we are unanimous. Mr. Smith does not take the same ground, but in a letter just rec'd, dated May 26th he says: "I am with you heartily in refusing to give Manippay over to the Les, in protesting against their being reappointed under the Board, and in insisting that their return in any capacity would be a mistake." So you see that all agree in

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deprecating their return. You ask for a "distinct clear statement" with reference to my previous assertion as to their influence. so I will explain myself a little. To say nothing of their theology which would not pass muster with the Board, and which they disseminate freely, it seems to me that they have developed a love of money among our people, which is very sad to see. We know that in one year they spent more than twice their salaries, and up to date they are sending gifts of money even to those who have money on interest, and it is the common talk. It is true that this love of money was before a common trait of the people, but to me they seem to have made it much worse, and this not with a few in their own field, but all over. Dr. Hastings said they had put back the cause of self-support twenty five years. I say more, - that they have deadened the life of the church here. Also their influence has gone to develop pride of caste. The great point they have made of our students being "high caste" in the letters and posters they have sent from Eng. & Britain has helped to this. They have also worked to develop a distrust of the missionaries, from the time in '82, when they sent agents around to the more than 200 teachers to get signatures to a petition against Mr. Smith,

They have been writing to the natives that the Missionaries love power, and have been so accustomed to exercising it that they insist on it, but that they must stand up for their rights etc. They have also encouraged underhand dealings. They wrote to one of the natives that in order to carry a measure through it was better not to bring it up in meeting, but to see individuals separately. This was the way they got their original authorization to collect money, and this was the way they did with the Prudential Committee, when they went to America, according to their own statement.

You speak of their evangelistic work as valuable. But judged by its results and by the invariable characteristic present in it, it does not seem so to me. That characteristic was — something big, — something that will make a good story, — something beyond what any one else has done. As for results, they boasted the last year that they were at Manippay, '84, that more were added to the church in their field than in all the rest of the Mission, and yet that the total was more than ever before. But the Manippay church has now 22 less in its membership than it had at the close of that year. In six years the additions there have averaged only two, while nearly every year numbers have been cut off. Only last week eight were cut off,

and a prominent member remarked "Miss Leitch's converts." The term is notorious. I think nearly all the additions of that time beyond the ordinary are now off the list. They then went to Oodooville and aimed for a hundred converts with similar results. So much for results in that line. The aim at something extraordinary may be illustrated indefinitely. They planned a big campaign for the great festival. Mr. Poynam protested against it as causing disturbance, the missionaries advised against it as unwise, but it was done and made a thrilling report. We think that as the gospel reaches every man in Jaffna, in the quiet of his own home or village, to bring it to them when they are mad on their idols is only to rouse needless antagonism and do no good. They made a boom in temperance and got over a thousands to join the blue-ribbon army, but the next year, or the year after, no one knew anything about it. They got thousands of signatures of women to a petition to Queen Victoria, when most of them did not know what they were signing. They condemned Mr. Noyes for using wine at communion - when a few months before they drank wine at the Govt. Agent's table. Miss Leitch volunteered a visit to the island of Delft, apparently only because no missionary lady had ever been there before, and then

she published a booklet about the trip. Then she volunteered to collect funds for Uduvil Seminary and went over the whole island to the great annoyance of the other Missions, and yet she secured only half what she published as collected. At Uduvil they worked up a rush of applicants by sending to all the schools and inviting down to the 3rd standard. Then they published it that there never was such a rush before. Dr. Hastings refused to go to the examination as Committee, saying it was evidently not a Mission School. But Miss Leitch came and begged him to go, and he finally went and examined and admitted those fitted. After he was gone Miss Leitch admitted a lot more on her own responsibility. They want to be on good terms with the Missionaries but upset all their work. They paid the entrance fees of all or nearly all the new girls, and from that date it has been only with great grumbling that the fee has been collected. I maintain that all their work was like this, a great rush, followed by a collapse, and no good results. You say that "they have done so much for Jaffna College." But I fail to see it. We have received scarcely anything except the Bursaries, and they are of doubtful benefit as I have before written. You speak of before long enlarging the

College with funds they have secured. I suppose you refer to the bequest of the St. Johns, but that was in no way secured by them. the St Johns promised it to Dr. Hastings & spoke freely of it to us when we were in America in '85, and said it was sure to the College. Their claiming the credit of this is all of a piece with the misrepresentations they have all along made in their public addresses so as to tell a big story. I could particularize at great length, but think I have said enough. I cannot but sympathize with Mr. Hastings, but I hope he will return here, as we need him very much. and he is a valuable Missionary.

With Christian regards

yours ever

S. W. Howland

Jaffna, May 28, 1892

Received July 9

Jaffna Ceylon
30th May '92

Rev. W. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Dear Sir.

I wrote you a week ago that we might have to wait several weeks before getting an answer from Govt. about the Medical grant, — but strange to say, the answer was already on its way — and was received before our application could be written. It came in the form of a letter to Mr. Twynam from the Colonial Secretary, and Mr. Twynam sent me the following extracts:

"In reply I am to state that as the American "Mission has so often disappointed the Government "in this matter, it has been thought best to withdraw "the old offer made in 1884 of a subsidy to one of their "officers for certain services to be rendered to Government."

— "I am to request you to be good enough to notify "to the Revd Mr. Howland with reference to his letter "to the Governor of 29th March 1890, that the offer made "by my of 3d November 1884, is now withdrawn."

I do not know what is meant by "often disappointed" except that it refers to Dr. Marston, and then to the expectation a few months ago that Dr. Bell would come.

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he having stated publicly at Northfield that he was coming, and we reported it. I think that in reality it is only an excuse, and means that those who have been working against the hospital have practically succeeded. After such a statement and with the uncertainty of Dr. Bell's being willing to come, we do not think it best to apply again to the Government. If the F. N. Society has it's present grant continued by Govt. it will gladly give Rs. 500. for supervision and possibly a little more, but it is very doubtful if it will continue to receive the same grant. I do not know if the enclosed cutting, which appeared only a few days before the letter was written, had any influence to bring about an unfavorable decision, but the statement about a $10,000. hospital might have had that effect. We ourselves are somewhat surprized at the Board's approving so large an establishment. After Dr. Scott actually arrives, if the Govt. has not already committed itself to some other line of action, it is possible that another application might be successful. But it is quite doubtful, and I am sorry. There will be some compensating advantages however in not being connected with Govt. With kind regards

yours sincerely S. W. Howland

Jaffna, May 30, 1892

Recd July 9

Jaffna, Ceylon
16th June 92.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.,
Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a statement of the College account, by which you will see that you are keeping us rather short, and the American Fund is owing us Rs 2585.37 or about £165. You will have heard of the suspension of the New O.B.C. I heard rumors of it beforehand, and was making arrangements to take out a part of our funds in a few days. Five Sixths of the College Funds, and three fourths of the Uduvil Funds were in the Bank, and we had in also a considerable amount of Mission money in current account, because school grants had come in, and as a consequence we had not used up the money which was taken from the Medical Fund Deposits. I will write details later to Mr. Ward. I have Bills of Treas. Ward's on hand, so that I shall not be embarrassed for Mission Funds. It remains to be seen what the College will suffer. I have some hope that the Bank will pay up the whole. At any rate it will be a relief if you

Jaffna, June 30, 1892

can send us the £165, and about as much more for the ensuing six months.

I have recently received from Miss Leitch a list of the donors of bursaries. I do not see why she took the trouble to copy it out, when it is printed in her booklet. But she declines to give addresses, and, as I have said repeatedly, I am not willing to send to the Edinburgh Committee, the matter stands where it was. With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

June 1895

Jaffna, Ceylon
10th Aug. 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.
Dear Sir

I sent you yesterday a cablegram "Two ladies urgently needed, consult Hastings." Our reason for the last two words was that Mr. Hastings has recently written saying that he knew of a young lady in Cincinnati, who would be willing to come out, and who, as he thought, would be a good one, and also that Miss. Mary Noyes was being appointed and he wished we could have her. Our need will be made manifest by the following facts. I wrote you June 6th of my Father's illness, in a P.S. to my letter of May 10th. He then seemed recovering, but soon relapsed and from that time to this has been growing weaker, being able to take very little nourishment, until now the doctors say there is no prospect of his recovery and he may pass away any day. He and my sister have been with us here at Batticotta since their vacation began, about June 20th. When the Uduvil Girls' School term began again, my sister being need for constant attendance on my Father, Mrs. Howland began going every day to Uduvil, a distance of seven miles.

This has been hard for her, and has brought on her old enemy, liver trouble. We do not think it safe to leave the school more than a day or so without supervision. My sister is nearly worn out with constant loss of sleep, and I do not see how she can go on with the school, even if we thought it well for her to live alone so far away. Even when the Scotts are at Manippay 1½ ms distant from Uduvil, she could not properly look after all that would come on her. So that we are urgently in need of two young ladies, or at least of one at once, unless another Mission family is coming to our aid. The urgency is so great that we felt justified in sending the cablegram. It seems a pity that the Misses Leitch are such that they cannot step into the gap, but we are all agreed that that is out of the question.

At our meeting yesterday, we, i.e. Mr. Smith and I carefully considered our Estimates for '93, and decided to ask that the appropriations for the next year be the same as we are now expending with Rs 20. extra per month for probable increase. This will make the acct

Pastors & Preachers	792.	Rs.
Assistants	5940.	
Bible Women	1200.	W.B.
Education	1700.	WBM.
Miscellaneous	3120.	
	12752.	

If you deduct from the amount mentioned by you, i.e. $8,800. the allowance for Missionaries and $300. for the Theological Class. the balance at present rates of exchange is more than the sum asked.

With Christian regards

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Sec. A. C. M.

Battiscotta Aug 10. 1892.

Reid Sept. 15. 1892.

Estimate

Jaffna, Ceylon.
29th Aug. '92.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Dear Sir,

I sent you a cablegram the day-before yesterday telling of the death of my Father. He has, for most of his life here, suffered much from chronic dyspepsia. Early in June it assumed an aggravated form and the advice of our native physicians and the Colonial Surgeon (an East-Indian) seemed to be of no avail except to temporarily relieve his suffering to some extent. Mrs. Howland and I spent some time at Oodooville, I coming over here for daily duties. Then my Father and Sister came over to Batticotta, and remained here, my sister's whole time being taken in attending on him. He suffered very little actual pain, but great distress after taking the simplest nourishment, and he slept very little at night, but required almost constant attention. After the Oodooville term began Mrs. Howland went over there daily for over six weeks. For weeks before the end came it seemed as if my Father was at the point of death, and yet he grew still weaker each day, living on beyond what seemed possible. After he learned that there was no

prospect of recovery he gave farewell messages to many who came to see him, and sent for many whom he had long hoped to see Christians, and even when he could not lift his head, or speak coherently on other subjects he gave earnest counsels. We believe that much good will result from his words. The funeral here was largely attended, as well as the burial at Codoorville.

My sister has resumed her work at Codoorville, and there is no way at present but for her to live alone until reenforcements arrive, which we hope may be soon.

I received yesterday your letter of July 21st and am writing you on College matters. I sent Mr. Ward a statement as to Mission current account in the collapsed Bank. In addition there was in Fixed Deposit, Rs. 15000. of the Codoorville Endowment and Scholarship Funds, (besides Rs 5000. on deposit with Messrs Arbuthnot & Co. Madras.) and Rs 5500. of village school Funds. There is still prospect of our getting 15 s. in the £.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Sec. A. C. M.

Dr. Sophia, Aug. 29. 1892.

Dear Sophia, Mr. Howland's letter of July 30. 1892 "

Jaffna, Ceylon
16 Sept 92

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.
Dear Sir

I have received your letters of Aug. 3 & 13. Mr. Bell had his salary only up to June 30th. The letter informing him of the acceptance of his resignation was written June 18th and received about July 15 or 20. On that ground I do not think that he drew his salary longer than you would wish. He left Jaffna in the latter part of April. After such a complete prostration as that of Mr. Bell two months or 10 weeks on the Hills is not enough for recovery, and reasonably this should be included in his Jaffna time. Even this leaves him two months without support, as his engagement with the S.P.G. only began Sep. 1st but he did not ask more, and I do not understand your letter to require us to give him less. I have not heard definitely from him as to his outfit money. But I understood from him that the S.P.G. would settle it.

I enclose another copy of the College acct as prepared June 30th. With kind regards yours truly

S. W. Howland Sec. A.C.M.

Jaffna, Sept. 16, 1892
Recd Oct 22

College acct.

Jaffna, Ceylon.
12th Jan. 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir.

I have recently received your letters of Nov. 18th & Dec. 3d in both of which you repeat the request for information as to funds, with reference to sending a successor to Mr. Wallace. I thought I had written you fully on the subject after my letter of Aug. 29th but it may be that I had in my mind my letters to Dr. Frank Sanders and to Mr. Clark who applied to me. In my letter of Aug. 29th I made a statement as to all the College Funds that were locked up in the Bank. I repeat here the items.

1st	General Fund for Native Teachers.	Rs. 13500.
2d	Scotch Bursary Fund.	33800.
3d	Other Scholarships.	4015.
4th	Prize Funds.	610.
5th	Current Acct.	3000. & odd
		Rs. 54925.

We expect to receive 20% of this next week and as much more in April. It seems doubtful if we finally receive more than half of the whole. In addition to this there is Rs. 10,000. of Bursary Funds in Madras. In that letter I wrote that I did not see that we had any funds here available for a man from America. The only Fund which could

Jaffna, Sept. 16, 1892
Recd Oct 22

College acct.

Jaffna, Ceylon.
12th Jan. 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir.

I have recently received your letters of Nov. 18th & Dec. 3d in both of which you repeat the request for information as to funds, with reference to sending a successor to Mr. Wallace. I thought I had written you fully on the subject after my letter of Aug. 29th but it may be that I had in my mind my letters to Dr. Frank Sanders and to Mr. Clark who applied to me. In my letter of Aug. 29th I made a statement as to all the College Funds that were locked up in the Bank. I repeat here the items.

1st	General Fund for Native Teachers.	Rs. 13500.
2d	Scotch Bursary Fund.	33800.
3d	Other Scholarships.	4015.
4th	Prize Funds.	610.
5th	Current Acct.	3000. & odd
		Rs. 54925.

We expect to receive 20% of this next week and as much more in April. It seems doubtful if we finally receive more than half of the whole. In addition to this there is Rs. 10,000. of Bursary Funds in Madras. In that letter I wrote that I did not see that we had any funds here available for a man from America. The only Fund which could

properly be used for that purpose is the "General Fund" which is not likely to give more than about $100. a year. and that is needed for the purpose for which it was raised.

I give herewith a statement of our account with the American Fund for the year 1892.

Jan 1st '92	Due to us.	Rs. 1300.09	
	Bill of Exchange £100.		1469.72
	do do £165		2596.72
	Sal of W. E. Hitchcock. Esq	1941.66	
	do W. W. Wallace "	1941.66	
	L do Principal "	1747.50	
Dec. 31st '92	Amt. due to us	6930.91	2864.47
			6930.91

This shows that we require from America about £190. to settle up for last year.

I had hoped to hear before this of some one's being engaged to take Mr. Wallace's place. His four years are not up until the latter part of the year. But he would like to leave in the middle so as to be in time for the Seminary year. and even earlier if possible. Dr. Sanders said that he could get a good man for us. and I asked him to do so. in conference with you. Mr. Richard Hastings sent me the enclosed letter from Dr. North. which sounds well. and if you have not already a more suitable one in mind perhaps this is the

man for us – I did nothing by way of reply to this because I was expecting something definite from you. Of course the final choice has to be left with you. and I hope we shall hear soon of some one. With kind regards –

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

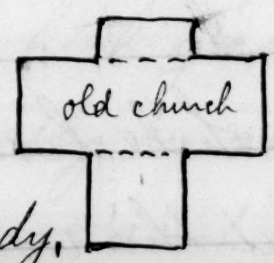
Jaffna, Jan. 12, 93.
Recd Feb. 16.

Jaffna, Ceylon
12th Jan 93

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir,

At our last business meeting we agreed to ask an allowance or grant of $500. for the Oodooville church. It was found necessary to take down both end walls as unsafe, and it was thought best to take the opportunity to enlarge it. and this was done by a cross addition like this.



They have the walls completed except the front gable. and the roof timbers are nearly ready. The members have done well in raising money. but find it very difficult to get enough for completing it. They have already been two years about it and it is very desirable that it be completed now without further delay. It is our most central church building. where most of our large meetings will be held. It is also the home of our church with the largest membership. and our large Boarding School worship in it. The B'd'g School gave from its funds Rs 250. in 91. and would have given the same again in 92. had it not been for the failure of the Bank. More than all as a reason for aid is its being at the station where our Missionaries are buried. and it is itself a memorial to them. There are tablets in it to

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the memory of Miss Agnew and the Spaulding's and it was suggested that a window at least be a memorial of my Mother. We have aided other churches in repairs, but none has required such rebuilding. Therefore we think it very desirable that the Mission aid it to the extent of $500. if possible, or at least a part of this amount. We also agreed that it would be reasonable that Mr. & Mrs. Smith each receive the salary of a single man, while they have been living at two stations, i.e. during Mr. Hastings absence, and therefore we ask that this be allowed.

We voted to Miss Howland while living alone the same rate, and assumed that this would be approved without asking, as it was allowed to the Misses Leitch, and to Mrs. Hastings. I notice in the appropriations just received you put down $450. for her. I do not know why. I think it must be an oversight, as she has always had $500.

With kind regards —

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Sec. A. C. M.

Pathwa. Jan. 12, 93.
Rec'd Feb. 16.

Jaffna, Ceylon.
26th Jan. '93

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.,
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir

Yesterday we had our annual business meeting. When we came to consider our appropriations, we were surprised to find a discrepancy. You wrote in the letter that you had been able to grant our estimates, because they were so much less than the sum pledged at the beginning of the year, but the figures you gave did not agree with the estimates which we sent. We finally found that they agreed exactly in all details, even to the wording, with the estimates we sent in 1891. I do not know how the mistake occurred. But in your letter of Sep. 1st you wrote that you had not received our estimates. I sent them in my letter of Aug. 9. But they were in the body of the letter, and not in great detail, and perhaps for this reason they were overlooked, or perhaps the letter was never received.

However we made our appropriations come somewhat below our estimates, which you say were accepted, altho not quite as low as the figures you sent. But under the circumstances we thought you would consider us justified. It is possible that we may have two or three pastors ordained during the year, and this will reduce the amount a little, as we do not agree to an ordination unless the people themselves pay half.

On the other hand, our Theological Class of seven young men finish their course during the year, and must be located, and salaries provided for them. A part of this will be met by a saving on the allowance for the Theol. Class, but not the whole. I send herewith a detailed statement of the expenses of our Mission for '92, which explains itself. I hope to send our annual statistics soon. The number of additions to our churches on confession of faith was 60, four more than the year before, which was the lowest for some years. The total membership is now 1541. The contributions from native sources were about Rs 7200, which is some gain on the previous year. The outlook on the whole is encouraging, tho there are no special signs of interest. Jaffna is just now having a visit of three days from the Governor, Sir Arthur E. Havelock, partly to see for himself the line of the railway that is being surveyed, also to get more light on the proper one to appoint as Representative of the Tamil Community in the Legislature, and to see the poor state of the rice crops which are almost a failure for lack of rain.

Jaffna. Jan. 26, 93.
Rec'd Mch. 2.

With Christian regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Sec. A. C. M.

Jaffna, Ceylon.
2d Feb. 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir -

Your letter of Dec. 29th came to hand today. With reference to the request of Mr. Leitch in regard to the Chavagacherry house, I may say that personally I do not wish to enter into any compact with them. Yet I do not see any likelihood of our wanting the house, or desiring to take it from the Zenana Society, so long as they do not make any serious trouble. And I think we ought to be trusted to be reasonable without being bound by a legal document as if we were not to be trusted. I have no objection to their spending what they choose on the house, but my advice would be not to spend very much until they come. I have little expectation of their remaining long, or of their being satisfied with the place. We would have been quite willing to have remained there ourselves, but the Marstons were not satisfied even with Manippay, and would have been much less pleased with Chavagacherry, because it is out from the centre. A great deal of Mr. Smith's time was taken to no purpose in rebuilding the Manippay house, and I do not see why it should be again for this.

4th Feb. After I had written the above I heard through Mr. Smith that the Prudential Committee has already made the lease of the Chavagacherry house. So I do not see that I need

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though how the Prud. Com. could do it without hearing from the Mission I do not say anything further on the subject. With reference to Mr. R. C. Hastings. I should be glad to have him with us in the College, but he is more needed to occupy a station. There ought to be funds enough for the College in America to support a single man, and I should think the one recommended by Prof. North, of whom I wrote in my letter of Jan. 12, would be the man if you have not already secured one. I suppose the College funds can also support Miss Houston, as well as they could have done the first Mrs. Hitchcock, though I think it would be very proper for the Woman's Board to continue her support, as she will continue to do Missionary work.

With kind regards —

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Jaffna. Feb. 2. '93.
Recd. Mch. 14.

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(Jaffna Ceylon)
7th Mar. '93

Rev. N. G. Clark. D.D.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of Jan 9. came to hand some days ago. I hope you have succeeded in getting some one to take Mr Wallace's place. Dr. Frank Sanders wrote sometime ago that he could get one. and I asked him to do so in consultation with you. but that is the last I have heard from him. I hope that the one recommended by Prof. North. whose letter I sent you. has already been engaged. If he is not available, kindly write to Dr. Sanders. asking him to find some one. Whoever is engaged I hope he will be able to start early. Mr. Wallace is anxious to start home about the middle of June. and we want his successor as soon after as possible. at any rate not later than Aug. 1st

I understand that there is some question about Miss Houston's passage out. but I do not see why there should be. If Mr. Hitchcock had not been so fortunate as to secure her, we should have had to pay his expenses to America. and back again together with a wife. or else for a new man and wife. The present arrangement is a great saving of expenses over either. Not only so, but the money saved in paying him only the allowance of a single man for two years, instead of as a married man. as we expected. would pay Miss Houston's traveling expenses several times over. and I cannot see where there can be a lack of money. or any question about her expenses out.

Jaffna. Feb. 2. '93.

We closed our College year last week. I add a memo of the finances of the College for the year. Please note that these are local funds, and have nothing to do with the American Fund.

We have a balance in hand of Rs. 302. nearly $100, but are likely to need it next year. At the recent University Examinations we presented 28 for the Entrance, and 4 for the First in Arts. We are applying for affiliation up to the B. A. grade and hope to have students for that grade. Just now we are having our hot weather vacation of eight weeks. With kind regards—

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Jaffna College Finances Apr. '92 to Mar. '93.

Receipts.	Balance in hand.		Rs. 580
	Tuition & Entrance Fees.		3006.73
	Interest on Fund		333.74
Expenses.	Salaries	2066.00	
	Monitors & Assistants	168.50	
	Furniture etc.	75.25	
	Text books & stat.	176.41	
	Repairs	387.29	
	Sundries	170.30	
	Bal. at close	302.52	
		3346.27	3346.27

Jaffna, Mch. 7. 93.
Recd Apr. 10.

Jaffna. Ceylon
13th Mar. '93.

Dear Dr. Clark.

Your letter of Jan. 30th has just come to hand. I do not telegraph as suggested because I am sure that my letters of Jan. 12. & Feb. 2. will give you all the needed information, and will have reached you before this. I also wrote you again last week, Mar. 8. As I said then, we would be glad of Mr. Wallace's successor by the middle of June, but will be satisfied if he comes by Aug. 1st. In that letter I also sent a financial statement of local funds, as presented to the Directors. I now enclose a copy of the Report presented at their meeting. I had not thought it necessary to send this, because the substance of it appears in the College Miscellany, but it may be a satisfaction to have a copy just as read. The only explanation that it requires I think is in reference to our boys going to Chundicully for examination. St Johns College of the C. M. S. being also affiliated to Calcutta University, there is one centre for examinations for Jaffna, and this is at the other College, because it is nearer the town, altho we have the larger number of students. It is only eight miles distant and the expense of going there is trifling, and I think it is really better to go there than to have the examinations ourselves. In the latter part of the term we had 91 students. I think we shall have more next term. Of course we feel to a slight degree some of the effects that Dr. Hastings feared from affiliation, but I think that we have also benefits nearly counterbalancing

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and in number of students I think we should not have had now half what we have if we had not affiliated, so that all things considered I think it was best from a missionary point of view as well as scholastic.

I should be glad if I could have a detailed statement of the funds of the College in America.

With kind regards—

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

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Kodaikanal
So. India.
28th Mar. '93
Rec'd Apr. 24.

Dear Dr. Clark.

I enclose herewith a letter which we received recently from Jaffna. which will confirm, as one case, what I have said about the Misses L. We are spending our hot weather vacation here on the Pulney Hills. as usual. and we find plenty to do in letter-writing and other writing & study —

I hear that Mr. Bell has already left the S. P. G. and is seeking connection with the Wesleyans. I do not know his reasons. but I heard that he was receiving a "catechist's salary" of Rs. 75. per month. and that they would have almost starved, had they not been kindly housed by the C. M. S. Goldsmiths of Madras. With kind regards

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

G.W. Hawthorne, Esq.
Rockhaven
So. Indo.
28th Nov. 71

Dear Mr. Hall,

I receive herewith a letter which we received recently from Jaffna, which will explain, as we can, what happens and what he intends to do. We are expecting an letter another month from the Lighthouse, as usual, and we find that it takes a letter only 7 days.

I hear that Mr. Hall has already left the P.C. and is another convert to the Wesleyans. I do not know his reason, but I heard he was receiving a "Catechist salary" of P.C. 75 per month, and that they would have gladly had him back, if he had been kind enough to withdraw.

Yours sincerely
G.W. Hawthorne

Manepay, March. 20th 1873.

My dear Madam,

I am sorry that I did not write you so long. I hope you will enjoy your holidays very much in the Pulney Hills. Nothing special has taken place as regards the posts I applied for. There has been two showers of rain lately, however the season is hot as usual. Mr. Oliver of the Wesleyan Mission is doing active service in Jaffna. I attended his meeting last night, and in this sermon he dwelt very strongly against despising those that are below us.

The case taken by David Suppan against Mr. Mather has been dropped. Church people don't seem to yield tho. Mr. Smith went to them twice to arrange matters, but he did not succeed.

But matters entirely different

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from what happened at Navaly agitates our Church. You know very will that I have been talking to you about Misses. Lietch sending money to Pastor and Mr. Fitch. This one thing binds them together, and so the pastor is a slave to Mr. Fitch. Consequently there was general dissatisfaction in the dealings of the Pastor. Father-in-law sends copies of a letter addressed to Mr. Smith, and another to the Church Committee. We thinking of these seriously prayed over the matter. I said that I would see Mr. Fitch and ask him privately about his putting the wall plates on an auspicious hour. I asked Mr. Fitch privately on a Sunday morning. He made me no direct reply but said that he would explain in the evening prayer-meeting. Did he explain so? No. He simply blamed other Christians, and his wife also spoke out very furiously. I wrote to the pastor everything and asked him to bring these things before the Church Committee. He would not do so. He thought of hushing it up. Father-in-law blamed the pastor face to face

spoke out plainly his faults. At which the pastor was offended, conducting himself very unworthily, saying he would not care for his work. Are these words of one consecrated for this work? The beginning of displeasure between pastor and ~~himself~~ was this:- Mr. Fitch told me twice that the pastor should bring at least a part of Misses. Leitch's stipend in the Church account, because, he said, (Mr. Fitch) that he writes to Misses. Leitch about the financial condition of the Church. Now this matter was taken up in the Committee, when the Pastor denied and said that she was sending ~~money~~ for some other account. Mr. Fitch kept quiet in the committee meeting. Our pastor is not in the work. There seems to be something wrong in him. I know these things will wound the feelings of the Missionaries. But I think good may come out eventually. The details of these are very unique. My father-in-law is very zealous about this, and is of opinion that it is Miss Leitch's money that makes the Pastor worse. What can be done? We pray that the Lord may

bring

out good things out of these. I don't know what else I have to write to you. I hope that everything will end well. I write the same to you both.

With our best regards, and loving greetings to you both.

Miss. Howland.

I am,

Yours very respectfully.

K. Albert Curtis.

P. S. Last Sunday, the pastor was not allowed to preach, perhaps Mr. Smith may have suggested to him to do so. Mr. Charles Murray conducted the service.

11th April. 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir,

I rec'd a few days since your letters of Feb 23 & Mar 1/12. In the former you say the sum allowed the Ceylon Mission for '94. is $7000. I must say that I cannot understand this. It would help to a better understanding if the amount for the missionaries salaries were given separately from that for the work in general. Our estimates for '93. were Rs 12752. = about $4,150. besides $300. for Theol. Class & $2567.50 for missionaries as follows. Mr. Smith & family $1,380. myself ½ $562.50 Mr & Mrs Howland. $625.00 making a total of $7,017.50. I do not see how we can reduce on this for 1894. as we have to provide for the salaries of six theological students who finish their course soon. Then we expect to have also the following missionaries { Rev R. C. Hastings & family $1380. Dr. & Mrs. Scott - 1125. Miss Meyers - 500 $3005.

It is possible that in your statement you do not include these. If that is the case we can probably manage to keep within the $7000. But I do not feel sure that this is your meaning. because I see no reason why these should be left out of the estimates for '94. as they are expected to be here 6 mos. or so before the beginning of the year. If these or any part of these are included, all I can say is that it is out of the question for us to bring our estimates within $7000. Our expenses are brought down to the very lowest point consistent with continued

existence. As a consequence we vary very little from year to year. If this must be cut down we might as well close the Mission, which ought not to be thought of.

With reference to the increased allowance to my sister you will see that it is not a new suggestion. As I said before, the Misses Leitch had, one of them, the same as a gentleman. Mrs. E. P. Hastings also after Dr. Hastings' death. Also Mrs. Capron. Also the young lady in Madura who keeps house for the others has a house-keeping allowance. As I understand it, the reason why a lady has $500. and a gentleman $625. is because boarding is cheaper than keeping house, and there is supposed to be a separate establishment wherever there is a gentleman while the single ladies usually board in a family. If the same house-keeping allowance as is given to the young lady in Madura is given to my sister, I think she can get on with it, but she cannot well get on with only $500. as when boarding.

Madura, Jan. 11, 1893.
Madura, May 11.

I note what you say in regard to a grant to the Dodoville church and trust that something can be secured for it.

I have received a letter from Mrs. Mills in which she specifies objects for the $52. she sends — With kind regards —

Yours sincerely

L. W. Howland,
Sec. A. C. M.

12th April 1893

Dear Dr. Clark.

I received recently your letter of Feb. 25. with its enclosure of £180. which at present rate sells for Rs. 2922.62 thus leaving a balance. Jan. '93. of about $18.

We shall need nearly as much more. say £165. to carry us on to June 1. We are now drawing on Mission funds.

In your letter of Mar. 1. you ask about Mr. Wallace's salary It has been customary, I believe, to calculate it up to the day of leaving Jaffna, just as if for a Missionary. without regard to completed years. I hope to hear soon that you have secured a successor to Mr. Wallace —

With kind regards —

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Principal Jaffna College.

Jaffna, Ceylon

Jaffna, Apr. 12. 93

Recd May 11.

Jaffna. Ceylon -
29th May. 93 -

Rev. N. G. Clark DD.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir

In your letter of Apr. 11th with reference to the $5. for the partial support of a Bible Woman in the care of the Misses Leitch, you say: "As the Misses Leitch are not with you. I presume you will be able to use it to advantage." I infer from this that it is sent to the Mission and that I am at liberty to use it for a Bible Woman in the Mission without paying it over to the Misses Leitch.

Similarly Treas. Ward reports a vote of the Prud. Com. Jan. 31st of $15. "for Miss Leitch's school." I know of no such school. I should think that if the Prud. Com. went through the form of a vote on the item, some one of them might have remembered that the Misses Leitch are not members of the Mission. From the way matters have been represented the term might apply to the Uduvil Seminary. I shall presume that it is intended unless I hear from you to the contrary. With kind regards.

Yours truly
J. W. Howland
Sec. A. C. M.

Jaffna, May 29, 1893

Filed July 6

Jaffna. Ceylon.
31st May 93

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. Am. Trustees for Jaffna College.

Dear Sir

I sent yesterday a cablegram "Turnstalk, Boston. Help. married or single." I did this because I had just received your letter of Apr. 21st saying that Mr. Leeland had declined. I hope that the telegram was not necessary and that you have already secured someone, who will be on his way soon. I sent the telegram more especially to call attention the fact that it is quite possible to meet the expenses of another married man, and that our need is such that someone must be sent soon even at some financial risk or sacrifice. You spoke of Miss Houston's being supported by the Holyoke church. If this is done, then as far as College funds are concerned Mr. Hitchcock would be paid as a single man, and that would leave funds for a married man in addition. In view of the difficulty of getting a man every four years it would perhaps be better to have a married man permanently. Then also if he is a good one we would have the benefit of his experience as time passed. If Miss Houston is supported as you propose and there is still something lacking in funds I could perhaps secure it in some way if the Board could not. At any rate we must have a man

promptly. I think that Dr. Frank Sanders of Yale, could help you. He said that he could. We had such good success in this year's examinations that our numbers have considerably increased. Of the three students and one teacher whom we sent in for the F. A. examination all passed but one student, and I think we shall have a class of three for B.A.

Of the 28 we sent in for the Entrance Examination 26 passed, which is better than last year, and we have a new F.A. class of 23. Our numbers have increased to 146, with prospects of further increase next year. Of the new students nearly a half are Christians or from Christian families, so that the proportion in the whole is nearly a third.

If we are long without a successor to Mr. Wallace it will seriously affect us. If you have already secured someone, and have written me within ten days before receiving this letter, I wish you would cable me, "Howland, Ceylon", mentioning the person's name, and if he is married adding that word, and if there is to be delay in his coming, adding the month of his leaving. If you have not already secured someone, kindly telegraph as soon as you do secure one.

I have to thank you for the detailed statement of College Funds in America, sent with your letter of Apr. 13th, but I should like to ask one or two explanations. 1st Does the 7th item, i.e. "$3000, Kansas City, Memphis & Birm." yield no interest? none is set down opposite the item. 2d What is the "Funded

Coupon Note" of the same R.R.? I suppose that the right hand column indicates the market value of the various stocks, though it is not so stated, and that the "10 Shares Nat. Bank of Commerce are $100. each.

Trusting that I may hear soon of a man coming and with kind regards from us both

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Pres Jaffna College.

Jaffna, May 31, 1893

Filed July 6

Jaffna. Ceylon.
23d June 93.

Dear Dr. Clark

In your letter just received you speak of putting the whole of my salary on the College if Miss. Houston is supported by the Holyoke church. and Mr. Hitchcock by the Scudder Memorial. But the half of my salary which does not come from College funds is paid by the Piedmont Church Worcester for Mrs. Howland's support, and I think that they would be very unwilling to give her up. and also that it would not be well to ask them to do so. Besides if you have not got a single man to come for the College. I hope you will get a married man. as I wrote you before. And if you have already secured and sent a single man I think it would be well to let the fund accumulate a little and perhaps we might want a married man next.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland.

Jaffna, June 23, 93.
Rec'd Aug. 11.

Jaffna, Ceylon -
3d Aug 1893

Dear Dr. Clark

I rec'd this morning your letter of 29 June, and I immediately sent a cablegram: "Fernstalk, Boston. Scott declines, need urgent." I feared that you would be relying on the proposed arrangement with Dr. Scott, and think our need had been met, at least temporarily. As far as the College is concerned I should be glad to have Dr. Scott take hold here, but I could not ask it. Both the Drs. Scott are already so over-run by their Medical work that they find it difficult to give the required time to the study of the language, and they have not taken up as yet either teaching or hospital work as I suppose they expect ultimately to do. When I saw them on Monday they had treated 62 patients that day and were quite tired. I suppose in time they will be able to work more through others, but for the present it does not seem to them possible to do otherwise than they are doing, and they think it quite out of the question that Dr. Scott should come to help in the College. I should have tried to keep Mr. Wallace longer, but he was anxious to be present at the beginning of the Seminary year, or soon after, and I confidently expected that we should have a man here before this to take his place, Mr. Brockway having definitely applied with the best of recommendations, and Dr. Sanders having written that he could get a man for us. He wrote me again to the same effect.

only recently. Moreover you have spoken of one or two good men available except that they were married or to be married. But as I wrote before it does not seem to me that under the circumstances that is a serious objection. Mrs. Howland's support comes from the Piedmont church and mine from the College funds. If both Mr. Hitchcock and Miss Houston are supported by churches, that should leave enough for a married man. Moreover there are some extra funds collected for the purpose which I should think might be available. I do hope that you will succeed in getting someone soon. If you have not already, please try what Dr. Sanders can do. It is not only that we have more than half more students than before, but our prestige is likely to be affected. Already we have lost a B.A. class for this year by not having Mr. Wallace's successor. The two who passed in F.A. were both ready to study on to B.A. but when they found that we could not give as much attention to them as we would if we had another man, one left to study in India, and the other was on the point of doing so when he was stopped by his father. We have now given him some work as a teacher, and he is at the same time carrying on his studies. It would not have been very satisfactory to have a class of only two. But they were our first F.As. and their action is in some sort a precedent for others, and one great reason for the existence of our College is to keep Jaffna young men from the injurious influences of Colleges in India

Dr. Scott cannot understand why his friend Mr. McPhail was sent to Madura instead of here. They do not need a man for still some months there.

You will have heard that the affiliation of our College to the B.A. grade has been completed. We had our annual public gathering last night for Prize speaking and prize-giving. and there was a good company present and appreciative words spoken. Hoping to hear of ~~o~~ne soon and with kind regards.

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland.
Pres. Jaffna College.

Jaffna. Aug. 3. '93

Rec'd Sept. 7.

Jaffna, Ceylon
11th Augt 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark DD.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir.

I send herewith our estimates for the year '94. which you will see we have made $400. below the allowance of $7000. by not including new missionaries, as you allowed in your letter of May 15th. The theological students are assigned places. one only in care of a church. others where we hope churches will develop. though we expect that more of them will be called to churches where vacancies may occur sooner or later. I have put Miss Howland's salary at $500. at which it has been ever since she has been in the Mission ca. 20 years. and I add the housekeeping allowance of $10. per month. which is given I believe to the house-keeper at Madura. The Madura single ladies all have a horse allowance, which accounts for their salary being less than $500. So that this makes Miss Howland's no more than theirs, and living is no cheaper here. We trust that these estimates can be allowed.

Mr. Smith asks that he may be granted $100. more for his extra expenses this year up to the time of Mr. Hasting's coming. The request seems to me reasonable.

With kind regards. yours sincerely
S. W. Howland. Sec. A.C.M.

Cover

Jaffna, Ceylon, Aug. 3 '93

Jaffna. Ceylon.
1st Aug. 1893.

To the Ladies of the W.B.M.

Dear Friends.

It has been customary for 20 years or more, for the gentlemen of this Mission to receive $625. and the ladies $500. not for any supposed difference of ability or importance, but because where there is a gentleman, there is supposed to be a housekeeping establishment, while the single ladies are expected to board with a family. For this reason, when Mr. Leitch left, his sisters had the allowance of a gentleman and a lady, because they had to keep house. In the same way after Dr. Hastings' death Mrs. & Miss. Hastings had the same. Since my Father's death my Sister has had to keep up an establishment, but it seems advisable instead of asking for a gentleman's allowance to ask the Ladies of the W.B.M. to grant a house-keeping allowance of $10. per month, such as I believe is allowed in Madura. Will you kindly consult with Dr. Clark and others if necessary and do us the favor of making the grant.

With kind regards.

On behalf of the A.C.M.

Your sincerely S. W. Howland
Sec. A.C.M.

Jaffna, Aug. 11. '93
Recd Sept. 16.

W. B. M.
(Mr. Smith - P.C.)

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Jaffna, Ceylon –
12th Aug. 1893.

Dear Dr. Clark –

I have to thank you for the telegram announcing the coming of "Tuta Best." It came the next morning after I sent my telegram to you. It is a help to us to know that he is coming. I suppose Mr. Wallace will be with you in a few days. I advanced him Rs. 1200. (which is the equivalent of £75. as exchange has been this year) for his traveling expenses. He will render his account to you, and I charge this in account.

With kind regards –

yours truly
S. W. Howland –

Jaffna. Aug. 12. '93
Recd Sept. 16.

Jaffna. Ceylon.
Aug. 14th, 93.

Dear Dr. Clark—

Your letter of July 5th with enclosures came to hand yesterday. I am glad to know more of Mr. Best and to learn of his excellences, but I am rather concerned to hear that he has had only two years of College and one of those absent in teaching. You perhaps do not realize how much a degree is regarded here. It was chiefly on that account that we sought affiliation. The lack of a degree was quite a drawback to Mr. Wallace at the first, and he made it up by hard study, but Mr. Best has even less College training than he had. Moreover we want our Foreign Professors to take up the B.A. work, and how can we set a man who lacks two years of B.A. to teach students for B.A. Also I wrote you I think that it is chiefly to teach English that we want help— Mr. Wallace was quite successful in this at the last. No natives that we can get can be relied upon for English and yet that is not mentioned as one of Mr. Best's qualifications. In order to keep our students we must not only be able to teach them as well as the Colleges in India, but be able to make them <u>think</u> that they can be so taught. It seems as if one of the several who have been willing to come as married men might have been secured. However I hope that Mr. Best's other good

Jaffna, Ceylon
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qualities will make up for this lack and trust it will be all for the best.

As to the other matter of Mrs. Howland's support coming from College Funds. I have written you before. She feels quite unwilling to sever her connection with Worcester County Branch and Piedmont church, which has led to many pleasant expressions of interest for the past 8 or 10 years. It would be of no use to try to keep up the interest if the financial relation is severed. The members of the auxiliary one & all apparently take great pleasure in "our own missionary," as they call her, and as they would cease to call her if the relation were severed. It was largely their personal interest in her that led the Piedmont church to form a separate auxiliary and themselves assume her support when we were in Worcester in '85 & '86. I sincerely hope that you will not make the change.

I send with this the corrected list of Bible Women and aided Village Schools, which lists kindly give to the W. B. M.

With kind regards

Your ever

S. W. Howland

Mrs. H. Howland
Smyrna, Aug. 14, '93
Recd Sept. 16.

Jaffna. Ceylon.
17th Aug. 93.

Dear Dr. Clark —

In continuation of my letter of the 14th inst it strikes me as very improbable that you mean that Mrs. Howland's salary also is to come on the College. For I do not see how it is possible. As I understand, you declined one or two suitable men for the College because they wanted to come married, and you thought there was not money for that. But you pay Mr. Hitchcock and wife only $1000. and Mr. Bert $650. a difference of only $350. And if you did not have funds to meet that difference, I do not see how you could meet the portion of Mrs. Howland's and my salaries which comes from the Mission. If you meant to put the difference between $500. which is paid by the Piedmont church and the $562.50 paid by the Mission, i.e. $62.50 on the College. I am sure there could be no objection to that. But if the other is your meaning I am sure you will lose more by taking away from the Piedmont church than you gain from the Holyoke church, and we decidedly object.

Moreover there will be other charges to be met by the College funds. When young men come out for only four years it is not supposed that they need a change to the Hills. But the Hitchcocks coming for permanency will need it as much as the missionaries, and this will require $50. or more a year. In addition

repairs to their house might properly come from the same source. I spent nearly Rs 800. of money sent by Mrs. St John in fitting up the house for Mr. Hitchcock 2½ years ago. and from time to time such expenses will be called for.

Not only so but the Hitchcocks will need more than $1000. We could not get along with that amount consistently with the best regard for health. and it is poor economy to make them economize at the risk of health.

For all these reasons I trust you will put only $625 of our salary on the College funds. and allow the pleasant relations with the Piedmont church and Worcester Co. Branch to continue — With kind regards —

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland

O. W. Howland
Appointment, Aug. 17. '93
Rec'd Sept. 22.

Jaffna, Ceylon. 3d Nov. 93.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.,
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir,

I have received your letters of Sep. 12th, 18th, & 30th. The matter of salaries, as you have explained it, is satisfactory to us. Mr. Best is here, and has taken hold well. I think he has good material in him, and will work well. The only thing is that he cannot take just the place we wanted him to, but he will perhaps come up to it, and we shall get along somehow. You ask about another man to be paid in part from the Mission. We think it would be well to send one as soon as you can get the right man. We are not in pressing need just now, but within two or three years, either Mrs. Howland and myself or the Smiths will need to go to America for a visit, and a new family would be just in good working condition by that time if they came soon. If you cannot send us a married man we would like one or two young ladies. One might meet the need, but if two were ready to come together it would be much better. Kindly therefore be on the look out for us and secure one or the other for us before long.

With Christian regards
Your sincerely
J. W. Howland,
Sec. A. C. M.

Personal.

3d Nov 93
Jaffna Ceylon

Dear Dr. Clark.

Your reference to the Misses Leitch seems to imply that we are on good terms. The fact is we do not care to show before the natives any more feeling than is necessary, and we invited them on the same public occasions as we invited others. and in one case asked them to stay over from Mr. Wallace's farewell dinner to the farewell of the College the next day. But I can take no more gratification in their presence here than I anticipated. They attempted to control the Drs. Scott. and made them very bitter. The same with Miss Myers. They have not attempted much publicly with the College, but something in an underhand way, and I do not know how much more. But the worst was the free giving of money. Nearly all of our Christians have visited them at Chavagachery and the report is that everyone "parted in rupees", if not "in tears". Certain it is that many of our Christians have applied to them for money, and their influence seems very demoralizing. Fortunately they are now occupied with other matters in Colombo, the opium question, women's hospital, etc.

The question of a union College is being agitated somewhat. It is proposed that new buildings be erected in a central place, and that the Americans furnish the principal

and one professor, and the two English missions one professor each, and that only matriculates be taught. I do not care to definitely oppose it. But the fact is we have a union college here. The other two Mission colleges have only 5 or 6 matriculates in all, while we have 32, and expect more next year. New buildings would be desirable, but suitable ones would require towards Rs. 100,000, and we have not this money at present, and cannot well discount the future expectations. They would have day pupils which would lower the tone of the Institution, and having it away from a local church, and missionary work would, I think, do so further. Moreover they both believe in the cane for College students, and I do not, and in this and other ways their methods would not fit in with ours. I also think that four foreigners with as many natives would be too large a staff for all the matriculates Jaffna could furnish. Altogether it does not seem to me the time to take any further steps in the matter.

Jaffna, Nov. 3, 93
Rec'd Dec. 1.

With kind regards

I am sincerely

S. W. Howland

Jaffna. Ceylon.
22d Dec. 1893.

Rev. N. G. Clark DD
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir,

I find that I have not replied to your letter of Sep. 8th You ask if you had before sent a copy of the vote of the Prudential Committee asking the views of our Mission in reference to women's voting. I had received nothing before on the subject. But before this letter came we had invited all the ladies of the Mission to attend our Business Meetings. The matter of voting had not been definitely taken up because we are somewhat informal in our meetings. It is very rare that anything is brought to vote if opposed strongly by anyone. We have been so few that when a matter has been informally discussed until all agree it is passed sometimes even without a show of hands. But in consequence of your letter the matter was definitely taken up. and we agreed that we are quite willing that all the ladies should vote in the business meetings on all subjects, and that we favor such action being taken by the Board making it a rule. And we shall also favor the consistent carrying out of the principle in the Board itself.

With kind regards, yours sincerely
L. W. Howland.
Sec. A. C. M.

Jaffna, Dec. 22. '93
Rec'd Jan. 29. '94

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Jaffna. Ceylon.
8th Jan. '94.

Rev. N. G. Clark. D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Dr. Clark —

I am sending you today a cablegram — "Fernstalk. Boston. Send Medical 400 England. Howland. I suppose you will have no difficulty in understanding that this means that the $400. granted to Dr. Scott for Medical Department is to be sent to England as he requested to pay for the medicines. When he reported some months ago his need of more medicines from England and asked how he should pay for them I said to him that I could not ask Spicer Bros. to pay the bill as we usually do. because I had overdrawn my account there. and could not send any funds at present, and that he had better write to Treas. Ward to send to the firm a round sum about what he thought would be right. and then we could settle the balance when the invoice came. This he did. I can see that it would have been better if I had sent the request but it did not strike me as necessary, because the Medical Funds are kept separate. and I supposed Dr. Scott's order would be as good as mine in reference to them. However Mission authorization is desirable. Mr. Ward has been keeping me too short so that I have been obliged to run up a debt of nearly Rs 10,000. at heavy interest.

Jaffna, Ceylon, Jan. 8, 1894

He thought I had £200. in hand July 1. whereas a cursory glance at the balance sheet would show that we had spent out of that six month's allowances excepting the Missionaries' salaries. Also he said our monthly allowance was only £110, whereas I have to pay in addition to this the salaries of the Scotts, the Hastings, Miss. Myers, the Hitchcocks, Mr. Best and myself. This being the case it is impossible for me to send the money to England for the medicines and word from England dated Dec. 7, just to hand says the money has not been received there. Dr. Scott is much troubled by this, because the medicines came long since, and the firm are pressing the friend in England who took the responsibility for payment. This seems to require the sending of the cablegram, at Medical Dept. expense.

I have no objection to paying money over to the Misses Leitch, provided Mr. Ward keeps me supplied. Since writing the above I have received today the appropriations for 1894. We have to thank the Committee for granting our estimates for the general work. The amt for Missionaries I do not quite understand, but as we know the usual rate we can assume it. Only there is no response to my request for a housekeeping allowance for my sister. She has overrun the past year just about that amount, although drawing also upon the

small legacy left to my mother - I hope to send the Mission accounts next week - With Christian regards

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland,
Sec. A. C. M.

Jaffna, Jan. 8, 1894

Recd Feb. 16

19th May 1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Clark

We have just received the new Manual or Handbook for Missionaries and are somewhat surprised at the changes introduced, and taking them in connection with the amounts fixed for next year, as mentioned in your letter of April 2. received at the same time, we feel that we need a little explanation before we send our estimates for 1895. in July. At present rates the allowance for salaries is as follows

Rev. T. L. Smith & Mrs. Smith	$1125.	1380.
3 children @ $85.	255.	
Mrs. S. W. Howland -	500.	
Rev. R. C. Hastings & Mrs. Hastings	1125.	1,295
2 children @ $85.	170.	
The Drs. Scott -	1125.	
Miss Howland (incl. hiking allow.)	620.	not 500 July to 1200
Miss. Myers -	500.	$5420.

whereas you mention only $5212. which is $208 less -

But the new rules say that the Missionaries must pay from their salaries rent for the houses they occupy. (p. 9. para. 5) We do not know what rents should be charged, as there is nothing to go by, except the cost of repairs, so we estimate $3. per person per month. Also "regular expenditures for health." (para 4. page 9.) We suppose this means health trips & medicines, and $40. is a small allowance for the average person with $10. for medicines.

The rules (page 8. par. 4. beginning) imply that salaries shall be re-estimated, so as to cover these items, which have heretofore been extra charges. Certainly what we have been receiving has not been any more than we needed, so we add to the present $1125 for a man and wife, the above amounts, or $86 for each person, making $1297 for two. Single ladies are also put at half this (p. 9. par. 5.) Then reckoning the percentages for children, including those in America under 20. (as is indicated by par. 4. p. 8, middle & page 23. par. 2. bottom) the amounts for salaries stand as follows:

Rev. S. L. Smith & Mrs. Smith =	$1297.00	1828.77
3 children at 10% + 1 @ 15% =	531.77	
Mrs. S. W. Howland	648.50	
Rev. R. C. Hastings & Mrs. Hastings	1297.00	
2 children @ 5% & 2 @ 10%.	389.10	
The Drs. Scott	1297.00	
Miss Howland	648.50	
Miss Myers	648.50	$6757.37

which is $1545.37 more than the amount mentioned in your letter. Are we simply to ignore this discrepancy and follow the rules? We are sorry to learn of your failing health and need of a successor. With Christian regards.

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland.
Sec. A. C. M.
(Jaffna, Ceylon.)

Ceylon - May 14, 1894
Recd June 19

Mr. Barrows
Carroll
Answered

Jaffna, Ceylon -
28th July 1894.

Dear Dr. Clark -

I send herewith the statistics which are intended to elucidate the subject of self-support. I have made them out for the whole Mission.

I also send the semi-annual account of the College with the Am Lund. We have a considerably larger number of students this year. i.e. 185. Everything is going on well. With kind regards.

Yours sincerely
J. W. Howland
Sec A. C. M.

To Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

P. S. I also send duplicate copy of last years acct.
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Ceylon - May 14, 1894

Jaffna, July 28, 1894.

Rec'd Aug. 30.

Jaffna, Ceylon
15th Sep. 94

Rev. J. L. Barton –
Sec. A. B. C. F. M. –

Dear Sir:

I send with this our estimates for 1895. The allowances for missionaries and children have been made out according to the new Hand Book. In order that "rent" and "regular expenditures for health" may be included in salaries we have added for each adult individual $36. for rent: $40. for health trips and $10. for medicines as mentioned in my letter of May 19th. I make the total now a little less than in that letter because I now put Mrs. Howland's salary at $500. as arranged by Dr. Clark (plus of course the $86) the balance coming from the College. and I made before a slight mistake in the allowance for children in America. But the total for missionaries is $1470.80 more than that mentioned in Dr. Clark's letter of Apr. 2. As Treas. Ward points out, in his letter of June 28th $774. of this is taken from what has heretofore been general expenditure, being for "rent" etc. The increased allowance for children is $483. taking their numbers as at present. Dr. Clark, in his letter of Mar. 13. says that he thinks this increased allowance "will be eminently satisfactory to the Mission." But Treas. Ward in his letter of June 27th says: "This presents a difficulty which can only be removed by the Prudential Committee. If they make no further grants for 1895. the other appropriations, (not for Woman's work) must be reduced to provide the amount." This is a sort of mockery to say that

Rec'd Oct. 28, 1894.

the Prudential Committee have been graciously pleased to increase the allowance for children. ~~but~~ that it must come out of the allowance for general work, which has already been reduced to the lowest point. What we ask for Pastors and Assistants for 1895. we have put Rs. 216. lower than was voted for 1894. In "Miscellaneous" items we have reduced the allowance for Library by half, i.e. Rs. 50. and for "Stationery" by Rs. 20. We transferred to salaries Rs. 800 for travelling, and Rs 900. for Repairs, and Rs 200. for Medicines & Attendance leaving Rs 400. for travelling on business and preaching, and Rs. 300. for extra repairs. It is true that the amts. transferred do not quite equal the amts. added to salary at present rates of exchange, but for several years we have largely over-run in Repairs, and we think these are the least possible amounts.

As you see, the total is $9861.84 or $861.84 more than the amt. named as allowed. But we put this down as the least possible amt. and ask that the Prudential Committee will allow it. You will see that the General Expenditure and Woman's Work is less than one third of the whole. In addition to the above we ask $20 monthly from the income of the Medical Fund for an Assistant to Dr. Scott, and $10. monthly which is sent to the same fund for Mr. Ditch the Medical Catechist, by some one in England I believe.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Sec. Am. Bap. Mission

Approved

Estimates for 1895. for Am. Ceylon Mission

Missionaries Rev. T. S. Smith & Mrs Smith		$1297.00	
3 children @ 10%		389.10	
1 child in America		130.00	1816.10
Rev. R. C. Hastings & Mrs. Hastings		1297.00	
2 children @ 5%		129.70	
2 children in Am. @ 130.		260.00	1686.70
The Drs. Scott			1297.00
B Mrs. Howland (W.B.M)		586.00	
B Miss Howland	do	648.50	
C Miss Myers	do	648.50	1883.00
			$6682,80

Pastors & Preachers in charge of churches. 19 persons in all.
of whom only 9 receive from the Mission Rs. 77. per mo. total Rs. 924.00
These and the others receive locally Rs 442. per mo. total, 5304.00

		Local	Mission	
Assistants. Batticotta 8 men		22 X 12.	106.00	
Panditeripo 2 "			33.00	
Manippay 2 "		18 X 12.	31.00	
Udumbe 4 "			59.00	
Tellippaly. 4 "			69.00	
Udupitty 4 "			69.00	
Chavagachery 6 "		31 X 12.	75.00	
		71 X 12 = 852.	442.00 X 12	= 5304.00
Increase.				240.00
				5468.00
Tellippaly Training School —				500.00
Miscellaneous (see over)				1150.00
Total general expense.			$2430.54	= Rs. 8118.00

Miscellaneous	Travelling	Rs. 400.	
	Extra Repairs	300.	
	Publications	200.	
	Postage	100.	
	Library	50.	
	Stationery	50.	
	Contingent	50.	Rs. 1150.00
Women's Work	Bible Women	Rs. 1200.	
	13 Village Schools	800.	
	13 Udupitty Fem Bdg. Sch.	500.	Rs. 2500. = $ 748.50

Decrease

Rs. 281
c 82.

Summary

Missionaries	$ 6682.80	Allowed by letter — 5212.00
General Work	2430.54	2783.00
Women's Work	748.50	1005.00
	9861.84	9000.00

Filed Oct. 26.

Rec'd. Oct. 15. 14

The above estimates are reckoned at the rate of $1. = Rs. 3.34 The present rates of exchange would reduce the amount for general work and women's work by more than $ 300. Taking out this and the increased allowance for children would bring the total below $ 9000. But it should be remembered that the general work and women's work are in Rupees, which cannot be altered with the varying exchange.

J. W. Howland

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Jaffna, Ceylon -
15th Oct. 94

Rev. J. L. Barton DD -

Dear Sir,

Mr. Smith requests that, in consideration of the fact that his youngest three children are remaining here longer than is usual, and that this is made possible by their sister Mary's being here to teach them, - the Prudential Committee will grant $300. a year towards the support of his daughter Mary, which is a less sum than would be allowed the three children if in America, in addition to the amount allowed here. As Mary is already on the way the Mission concur in the request -

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland -

Sec. A. C. M.

Letter, Oct. 15, 1864.

J. L. B.
d 12-10
d 12-19

Jaffna, Ceylon.
24th Oct. '94.

Dear Dr. Clark.

Your letter of Sep. 11th is just to hand. In this you say that I have charged the salary of both Mrs. Howland and myself to the College, and must transfer that of Mrs. Howland to the Mission. But if you look at the amounts you will see that although both names are given only the proper amt is charged. The reason why both names were given was that for the first half of 1893 I charged to the College as before one half of the 6 months' salary of both of us. But after you made the new arrangement, (see your letter July 5. '93) that my salary or £125. was to come wholly on the College, and only £100 be charged to the W.B.M. for Mrs. Howland I charged accordingly from July, 1st '93.

With reference to the scholarships, I think that seeing that the others are here it would lead to less confusion if these also were sent sent here. We can get investments which seem as safe as those in America. Govt. securities here which give 4% are perfectly safe, though I have not as yet invested in them.

In regard to Mr. Hitchcock's trip to Madura to get his wife, its necessity seems to me to be unquestionable. His wife had furniture and sundries, including a pony, to bring over, and she could not very well attend to this herself to say nothing of going alone to get married." Perhaps as a compromise we might take off a half of it as extra expense for going via Colombo to meet her there.

In the Postscript to your letter of Sep. 8 '93 you say of the Hitchcocks - "If $1000 is not enough and special expenses are needed for house rent or furnishing, the extra might be applied to that." As I have intimated before Mr. & Mrs. Hitchcock having come out for permanent work need the change to the Hills frequently if not every year. They did not go last hot season, and I think suffered for it, and I believe are planning to go next hot season. I think their expenses should be met the same as of the rest of us. I have recently put up a small room to enlarge their quarters as they are expecting an enlargement of their family in a few weeks - but I have met the expense from local funds. However I think their allowance should be correspondingly increased. Mrs Hitchcock has been until now taking two Bible classes a day of College students, and she has visited in the village having one quarter especially under her care. She is an excellent worker. With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Principal Jaffna College

Jaffna, Oct. 24, 1894.

J. L. B.
d. 12-10
d. 12-19

Jaffna. Ceylon. 25th Oct '94.

Dear Dr. Clark.

In June I reported to Treas. Ward. Rs. 100. received from Mr. Bell. towards his outfit money.

The Mission ask that this may go toward the rent of the House on the Hills. which he occupied for some time after he resigned from the Board. We make the request on two grounds:

1st Because his occupancy of the house at that time prevented our renting it as we should have been otherwise able to do. and thus obtaining funds for the upkeep of the house, for which we have no appropriation. Last season we could not rent it, as our own missionaries needed it for a longer time than usual, so it is in debt.

2d We understand that more money has been paid to the Board in America. on Mr. Bell's acct. than has been paid out for him by the Board. for outfit. traveling. salary etc. So that this will not entail a loss on the Board, and it is but fair that he should pay the rent as an outsider. seeing that it is much needed. The usual rent of the house in the season is Rs. 80. per month.

The Mission also decided in view of the ruinous condition of the Panditeripo house. and the improbability of its ever being required for residence. to take it down, giving the materials, if the Prudential Committee approve. in part to the enlargement of buildings of the Tellippaly Training School. and in part to the putting up of a building at Kangysanturry two miles from Tellippaly. which is becoming an important port and

which we are opening as a new out-station. We trust that the Committee will approve of this as it does not involve any money grant. We are hoping to hear good news from the meeting of the Board. With Christian regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Sec. Am. Cy. Mission

Jaffna Oct. 23 1894.

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Jaffna, Ceylon. 26th Nov. 1894.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.
Sec. Bd of Trustees Jaffna College.

Dear Sir.

You wrote last year proposing to send out a man thoroughly equipped who should be paid in part by the Mission, and in part by the College, to work both in the Mission & the College. If you can find the right kind of a man and can send him now, I think it would be very desirable to do so. Dr. Scott is thinking about sending Mrs. Howland and myself home on furlough. It is now ten years since we went before, but we were planning to stay a year or two more before visiting America. Dr. Scott has not expressed a decided opinion yet, he wants to wait a few weeks and see what the cooler weather will do. But he says that without doubt the chances of our return to the field are much greater if we go now. Of course it is possible to leave the College with Mr. Hitchcock and Mr. Best, but it would be much better if we had such a man as you proposed. We have been working to get the College to the First Grade, and have succeeded. Natives may be able to teach B.A. subjects after we get fairly started by passing one or two classes, but at first the boys would not stay. We got the College affiliated to the B.A. grade last year, and this year we secured the making of Jaffna a centre for B.A. examinations. We have six B.A. students, and next year I think we would have a dozen more if I could be here to teach them, for we have 23 going in

to the F.A. examination, which is the half course and the limit of second grade colleges. Last Feb. we sent in 10 for the F.A. examination and passed eight, and of these we have six continuing, as I said, and I think 23 would give at least a dozen. The B.A. course requires two years after the F.A. and though it does not cover so wide a range of subjects as an American College, the English Literature, Philosophy, Mathematics and Physics and Chemistry when Honors are aimed at, as by our boys, go higher than these subjects did when I was in College. Of course Mr. Hitchcock could teach them, and is now teaching them Mathematics, but he cannot be spared from the English of lower classes. Our most important class is the Entrance Class as far as English is concerned, both on account of numbers and because the idiom is being learned, and I do not consider any of the natives competent to take this. The past year we have had eighty in this class, in two divisions, and the coming year we are likely to have quite as many. Mr. Best is doing well, but I cannot set him to take classes considerably in advance of what he has studied, though he is teaching one of the B.A. class who takes Latin. Thus without another man the College would practically lapse to the second grade, and it would be very difficult to get it up again. If we do not do what we have led the University to expect, Jaffna will cease to be a centre, and we could not easily again persuade them to make it a centre. In the Madras University all the students have to go to Madras for the B.A. exam

I could ask Mr. Hastings to take my place during my absence, but it would hardly be fair to him, and would involve practically giving up the Uduppitty Boarding School as well as station. Whereas the man you proposed could occupy our house in our absence, and then take a taste of more village work while Mr. Smith takes his furlough, as he probably would wish to do by that time, and then be ready to come back to the College fully when Mr. Best leaves. It would be desirable to have him here by the first of May, as that is the time arrangements are made for the year, but the middle of June would do if it was known before that he was coming. I have kept in good health and am able to do full work, but the fact that the effusion in my knee has not entirely subsided in seven months, indicates as Dr. Scott says, a lack of vigor, and that a change to America would be very desirable. Mrs. Howland has been very poorly for some time. She was much run down when we went to the Hills, but seemed to gain very much there; yet since our return we have had trying weather, not five inches of rain in the first nine months of the year, and she has felt it very much. At present holding a meeting, or sometimes even writing a letter quite upsets her nerves. We hoped the cooler weather would restore her strength, but she has a little fever most of the time, and does not find it cool. If I knew that such a suitable man were coming I think we would decide at once to go to America, though we probably would not start before Mar. 1, the close of the College year. Between

now and Dec. 10 we ought to have the coolest weather of the year. and Dr. Scott says that if Mrs. Howland doesnot get decidedly better in that time we must certainly go. I wish you would telegraph if you are able to send such a man. It would be a help in making arrangements. A cablegram addressed "Howland Jaffna" would reach me and the word "Yes." would be sufficient.

We hope to hear better accounts of your own health.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Principal Jaffna College

Jaffna, Sept. 1875

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Jaffna, Ceylon
26th Dec. 94.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Sir

I have to acknowledge your letter of Nov. 1st and to thank you for your kindly words of greeting. I am sorry that I shall probably not have much opportunity of corresponding with you for the present, as the Doctor gives his opinion that Mrs. Howland and I ought to go to America this spring. It is ten years since we went before, but we were hoping to be able to stay a year or two longer before going. I enclose a copy of Dr. Scott's letter received yesterday. I wrote Dr. Clark last month on College matters, and said that probably we would have to leave, so that you will have already had some intimation of it. I suppose for form's sake the Prudential Committee's permission is desirable, though of course they can only act according to information received from here. My sister also ought to go with us. She had permission to go soon after my Father's death two years ago but did not avail herself of it. We are very sorry to have to go now, and it seems as if we could not well be spared, but though God's work needs workers any individuals are not indispensable to it. I suppose we shall have to start early in March. With kind regards and wishing you much blessing in the new work

I remain yours sincerely L. W. Howland Sec. A.C.M.

Manepay
Christmas Day 1894.

Dear Dr. Howland

I have tried very hard to look at all things which affect the question of your going home on furlough this coming spring. I say decidedly that considering the present state of health of both yourself and Mrs. Howland, and further the state of your health during the past nine months: and in view of your return to the work of the College after a furlough of reasonable length (which I consider practicable) it is better that you should make arrangements to visit America this coming spring-time. I write this fully aware of the difficulty it will be to carry on your work in your absence but fully believing that "all things considered" this is the wisest course for you to adopt.

Very truly
(Sgd) Thos B. Scott M.D.

(Copy)

Recd

J. L. B.
3-4-95

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Jaffna Ceylon
24th Jan. '95

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir

I send herewith the statement of account of the American Fund with the College, which shews Rs. 3492.38 due to the College, or nearly £200. I trust that you have already made a remittance to cover this as we are meanwhile necessitated to draw on Mission funds. Treas. Ward has not reported anything for Mrs. Hitchcock for the last two quarters. You will have heard from Dr. Barton the final decision as to the necessity of our taking a furlough in March for one year. As I have received no cablegram from you in response to my letter of Nov. I infer that you are not able to send a man to take my place. I am sorry, as our B.A. students are already making arrangements to leave. Our total number of students, (157.) is somewhat less than when I wrote, as, out of our class of 80 preparing for the Calcutta Entrance examination, we found only 48 fit to present, and some preferred to leave rather than drop back to the lower class. A large number are expecting to apply for admission next May, but I do not see how we can well provide for many more with our present quarters. The English School here at Batticotta, which is like a preparatory department to the College, has about 400 students, and a good staff of teachers. There has been an increase of more than 150 in the school, in connection with the increase in the College.

It is a grief to me that the additions to the church from the College have been so few, only two in the year, though several others seem

to have begun the new life. In view of our expected absence the coming year, we have engaged Rev. Wm. Joseph, one of our ablest young pastors, as a teacher in the College, especially to take the Bible lessons which Mrs. Howland and I have heretofore taken. I shall write further when I send the annual report a few weeks later.

Trusting that your health is improved & with kind regards

yours sincerely

L. W. Howland

Principal Jaffna College

Jaffna, Jan. 24, 1870

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Jaffna, Ceylon
13 Feb. '95.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith a petition from the Christians of Pandateripo with reference to our proposal to take down the Mission house there. In consequence of this request we have done nothing to the house. We heartily endorse their request, that is, we believe that it would be most advantageous for the work if the house could be repaired and occupied. It could be repaired for $1000, and as it is only 3½ miles from Batticotta, and 4½ from Tellippaly, two single ladies could live there most conveniently, and be ready, while doing an important work there, to step into any gap elsewhere in work that could not be left so easily. Just now it would be a great advantage if one or two could go in at Uduvil. The work of the School and station at Uduvil is hard for two ladies, but by my sister's leaving Miss Myers has to take it alone. Dr. Grieve will make her home with her and give her the moral support of her presence, but cannot relieve her of much work except to look after the sick. We know the difficulty there is in getting funds, or we should have asked this rather than proposing to pull the house down. As it is we cannot but endorse the request of the Christians. With kind regards—

Yours sincerely — L. W. Howland.

Jeffersonville, Ind.
Oct. 10, 1870.

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Jaffna, Ceylon
14th Feb. '95.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir,

We received the announcement of the appropriations in your letter of Nov. 22d with much consternation. When it was decided at the meeting of the Board at Madison that there was to be no retrenchment we felt sure that our modest requests would be granted, especially because the Prudential Committee have hitherto recognized the fact that we have kept our estimates as low as seemed possible. It seemed to us disastrous to attempt such a reduction in our evangelistic work as Rs. 2341, or more than a third of the whole. Nevertheless we wrestled with the problem on two occasions, and came much nearer to the limit proposed than we had dared to hope. The churches have also courageously faced the situation and show a good spirit in attempting to do what they can. As the harvest this month is better than for several years back they feel the more courage. We have asked the churches to take the whole support of their pastors or acting pastors. If this were done it would take off at once Rs. 924. We hope it will be done, but we have not obtained a definite promise in all cases, as they have not dared to promise so much. Then we cut down eight of our older men Rs. 2. to 4. each per month, and secured a portion of the salary of several

others from the churches, and dropped one, and by these various means brought the appropriation down somewhat near the sum mentioned in your letter. We do not feel sure that we have accomplished this, but we shall do our best, and this is far beyond what we thought possible, and what we still think wise. There is much hard feeling on the part of those reduced and their friends which is a hindrance to the progress of the work. It does not seem to them just to cut them down, when they have given their lives to the Mission work, and when the reduced value of the rupee, and the increased cost of living make it all the harder. We hope we shall not be required to do more. As some of our number are going to America, the total will come considerably within the $7000, the sum which was fixed as a limit.

In your letter you remark on the salaries as being higher here than in India. I do not know what salaries are received there, but I believe that in those Missions they have additional sums for keeping a horse, for traveling to the Hills, etc.

When I joined the Ceylon Mission in 1873, the allowance for a man and wife was $1000, or £200. A few years after, as this was found insufficient owing to the advancing cost of living, we asked and received an increase of 12½% making it $1125, or £225. This continues to be the rate. But last May on receiving the new Handbook, and seeing that the Missionaries must pay rent, health traveling, medical

attendance etc. from their salaries, and that their salaries must be adjusted to meet this if necessary, we asked advice of the Prudential Committee, and nominally increased the salaries, $86. for an individual, i.e. $3. per mo. for rent. $10. per year for medicines etc and $40. for health traveling.

We do not like this new arrangement and only enter upon it because required.

Mr. Howland and I with my sister expect to leave here on the 2d Mar. to arrive in New York the latter part of April.

Mr. Smith takes my place as Secretary of the Mission and Mr. Hastings as Treasurer. We hope to be able to come back in a year.

With Christian salutations

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Sec. A. C. M.

Jaffna, Dec. 14th, 1887

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Jaffna, Ceylon. 26th Feb. '95.

Dear Dr. Clarke

I enclose herewith the Annual Report of the College as read to the Board of Directors on Saturday last. also the statement of accounts. A small debt is reported, but there are receipts to be recovered which will more than meet this. You will notice that we have spent more than Rs 1700. on buildings besides the Rs. 222. for the Charter. I am sorry not to have heard from you before leaving, but there seems nothing else to be done. At the meeting Mr. Hitchcock was appointed as Acting Principal, Mr. Smith as Secretary of the Board of Directors, and Mr. Hastings as Treasurer. You or Mr. Barton will have to write to the one of these three, whom the contents of your letters may specially concern. If you have not already sent funds for the College I hope you will send at once, as the Mission is put much into debt by lack of the £250. of College money for last year. You also spoke of sending some Scholarships. If they were sent it would be a relief. I am leaving Mr. Hastings the Power of Attorney so that he can act for me in any business matter, sign Bills - etc. We hope to be in America soon after this letter arrives, but think of going at once to a quiet country place in the Hills to rest and recruit our health. Trusting that your health is improving and with kind regards.

yours sincerely S. W. Howland

Principal Jaffna College

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Jaffna, Ceylon, 26 Oct. 95.

Dear Mr. Clark,

I earlier learnt Mr. Hunnard's Report of the College account to the Board of Directors. Thursday last, also the statement of accounts. I cannot help it regretted that we are necessitated to recommend a still more than heavy rise in the fees. We feel we have already done far more than our duty in keeping the fees down so long, for the sake of our poor people. I am sorry we have to do so, for the future. I am sorry we have to have from year before leaving. But then you are getting also to do so. At the meeting Mr. Richards was appointed as being Principal. Mr. Smith as Treasurer of the Board of Directors, and Mr. Hastings as Treasurer. Mr. Ferris and Mr. Harris are with to the care of these, when the contents of your letters may warrantly concern. If you have an already good friend for the College I hope you will send it over. As Mr. Miller is but newly into debt for last year, I telegraphed to the Board of Directors that we can not pay Treasurer salary, and it would be a risky. I am sorry Mr. Richards has to leave Jaffna. We hope to be able to do so after this year, but think it very close to spend everything in the field and neglect our health. Trusting that your health is improving and with kind regards,

Yours affectionately, J. H. Wyckoff

Principal Jaffna College.

J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd 5-7-95

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"The Judson."
53. Washington square, New York City
29th Apr. '95.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Dr. Barton

Your letter of the 25th came duly to hand. I am sending a statement of our traveling accts. to Mr. Wiggin. By which you will see that there is due me a sum of £19-4-0, and am asking him to send me this amount, together with $75 as the first month's allowance. I am sure that we shall need the whole of the amount mentioned in the Handbook. as I do not yet know of a place where we can live on that sum healthfully. We had hoped to take a small church for the summer and so not draw on the funds of the Board for our support. But we have not succeeded in the endeavor, and it is evidently best so. Mrs. Howland came down a few days ago with influenza and is quite laid up with it. I hope she may recover soon, but the Doctor says it will probably be several weeks before she quite recovers. I think we may be able to visit Boston the latter part of June. We shall probably have to stay at this place for several weeks to come. With kind regards—

Yours sincerely
J. W. Howland

P.S. Your letter about Mr. Herrick's coming to Jaffna College reached me a day or so before we left. I wrote at once to Mr. Chandler, and rec'd a reply in Colombo, that he could not be spared from Madura. Something was said about

another arrangement. but as arrangements had already been made to get along with our present staff; perhaps it is better to do nothing until we hear further. #

J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-31-95
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Luzerne, Warren Co. N. Y.
(Care of Rev. C. J. Whipple).
29th May 95.

Dear Dr. Barton -

By what you say in your letter of the 7th inst. I infer that nothing had been sent to Jaffna College for some months. I hope that something has been sent before this. because the College had already drawn heavily on the Mission. and yet the Mission is kept pretty short, so that very likely it has been necessary to borrow money. i.e. overdraw the Bank acct. paying 7 or 9%. You say that you wish to understand the financial condition of affairs of the College. The fund in Jaffna is expected to meet the expenses of the College for native teachers, repairs, etc. The fund in America is expected to meet the support of the American staff. together with any special expenses which may be approved by the American Trustees in Boston. I have the impression that a part of the invested funds in the hands of the American Trustees was intended for this purpose but am not sure. I should be glad to know myself. Probably Dr. Clark can tell you about it. I hope to be in Boston early in July.

In your letter of Apr. 25. you ask if my wife & I will be able to attend the Missionary Union at Clifton Springs. I think that physically we might be able. but I understand that the expense would be nearly half a month's allowance. and that fact will probably hinder us. Can you tell me if it is specially desirable that we be there.

With reference to the Jaffna College. I might mention that I learn that the Misses Leitch are making a move to get $20.000. to put up buildings for the College in a new location. and to unite with the two English Missions.

The matter should be decided by the local Board of Directors and have the approval of the Amer. Missionaries on that Board and of the Trustees in Boston. My own opinion is adverse to the scheme and I think that I should not wish to continue my connection with the College if it were carried out, but I do not wish to have my opinion weigh, if the others approve. But I should wish to have that ~~opinion~~ approval over the signature of the Missionaries and not merely reported by the Misses Leitch. In brief I may say that I feel confident that it would seriously impair the Christian atmosphere of the College by changing from one with all boarders, to one where those who chose might board elsewhere. Moreover the English methods are practically incompatible with ours, or vice-versa. The opposition of the Hindu school is not to be greatly feared. The English Colleges have practically no students in the College classes, and the teaching of 600 boys in lower classes in one place would have but little advantage over their being taught in three places. The objection of the water does not seem to me serious, while the nearness to the town of the proposed place would probably affect the moral status of the students as I believe. If the matter comes directly before you and you would like further information I shall be glad to answer any questions. I think that the opinion of Mr. Richard Hastings should have more weight than of any one else outside of the College because he has had experience inside the College. The Misses Leitch I hear report him as favoring it, but I understood him to disapprove. Trusting that Divine Wisdom will guide the matter to a wise decision. I remain with kind regards yours sincerely J. W. Howland.

Clifton Springs
13th June

Dr. Barton

Your letter of the 2nd
in the home hand I received
the night. Mr. Clifford's
was put in the College Bundle
to the College on 19. because the Bundle
for the support of the Principal. The Bundle
was given for the salary of Mr. Hickok and
they promised $600. a year. of which $200
is Mr. H. and the rest for the College
to be needed. such as travelling expenses
to Chicago. Mrs. Hickok returns
to a school in Holyoke, Mass. Mr. Hickok
has come from College Dist. All these
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they have not been sent for many months
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money to run on & with hard expense

Yours truly
[illegible]

J. L. B.
Rec'd 6-11-95
Ans'd

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Clifton Springs N.Y.
13th June 95

Dear Dr. Barton -

Your letter of the 7th was forwarded to me here & I read it this morning. I will write a reply altho I hope to see you here. My salary was put on the College Funds when I went to the College in '89. because the Fund was raised for the support of the Principal. The Scudder memorial was given for the salary of Mr. Hitchcock. I think they promised $600. a year. of wh. $500 was to go to Mr. H. and the bal. for other College expenses if needed - such as traveling, ~~repairs etc~~ allowance for child etc. Mrs. Hitchcock's salary is paid by a church in Holyoke Mass. Mr. Best's salary also comes from College Funds. All these amounts are not included in the Mission Appropriation and have to be sent extra. As I understand it they have not been sent for many months and as a consequence the Jaffna Treas. has to spend money borrowed at a high rate of interest. Hoping to see you soon & with kind regards.

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland -

Treasurer Mission

Rev. J. W. Howland,
Clifton Springs, June 13, '95

C. H. D.
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Clifton Springs, N. Y., 18th June 1895

Dear Friend.

We have been planning to come on to Boston from Amherst after the Commencement. but I find that both travel & meetings are wearing on my wife. especially when the weather is warm. We met Dr. Barton here and talked over matters all that is necessary for the present I think We have taken a cottage at Lenzerne N.Y. for three months and plan to go there next week and keep quiet and try to get rest & strength. It is in the edge of the Adirondacks & quite healthful It is next door to my wife's sister's where her father also is living it will be very pleasant. I write to you now as Mrs. Daniels was expecting to Newton I believe Kindly tell Dr. Barton & others, who may be expecting us We hope

Rev. S. W. Howland
Clifton Springs, June 18, 1895

to come later on. We have been having
exciting meetings here, altho we could n
attend all - With kind regards
yours sincerely
S. W. Howlan

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Lenzerne. N. Y.
9th Aug. '95.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of the 7th inst came to hand today. As I have already talked over Jaffna matters pretty fully with both yourself and Dr. Daniels, it does not seem to me necessary to talk them over further at present. All I want to say is that the smallness of the field is no measure of its importance, and that I feel strongly that it is the duty of the American Christians not to diminish work there before they have reaped the fruits of the efforts made in the past, and not until the churches there are strong enough to carry on aggressive work themselves, vigorously and successfully. If any matters of question in detail come up I shall be glad to answer by letter. I think we are as favorably situated here as it would be possible anywhere as regards rest and health, and we seem to be gaining. Our present plan is to remain here until the first part of October. I think it would be a serious set back in health to my wife to go to Boston in August, and I do not care to leave her alone. I am glad to know of funds being sent to the College. Could you not call at Jaffna on your return. I suppose you will stop at Colombo, from which place you could go to Jaffna by coach in two days. I trust that your visit to the

East may result in much good in that part of the Lord's vineyard. With kind regards from us both.

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

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Rev. S. W. Howland, D.D.

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Lenzerne, N.Y.
3d Sep. 95

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Lenzerne, Sep. 3, 95

J. L. B.
Rec'd 1-10-96
Ans'd 14

S. W. Howland
53 Washington sq. So.
New York City.
9th Jan. 96.

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Dear Dr. Barton.

We were glad to hear of your safe return and hope to hear that your trip was satisfactory in every way as well as enjoyable. We were sorry to hear of Dr. Clarke's departure. We planned to call on him when we were in Boston in Nov. but did not make out to do it. Our health is so much improved that we are thinking about our return. Our year in this country will be completed in April. and if I am to return to the College that will be the best time for us to go. We are anxious to go and from our judgment that is the best thing to do — I feel the importance of the work in Jaffna. I think that it is much greater in proportion to its size than of other fields. where so much

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S. W. Howland
53 Washington sq. So.
New York City
11th Jan 96

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Dear Dr. Barton

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College and paid from that fund. the Board will
relieved and the Mission work will not suffer so much.
am sure we can get a church here for the year.
at the same time be gaining in health and be
dy to go back to Jaffna next year. if Mr. Smith is

coming home as I suppose he will be. We shall
very sorry not to go back in April as we expecte
but I could not face the people with such a reductio
We were cut down a third last year, which seemed
serious injury to the work, and to cut a third agai
this year is what I cannot stand. We want to contin
as Missionaries of the Board, ready to go when the way
We made some effort to get a church the past summer
to relieve the Board, but I think it is well that we d
not accomplish it. I think however that we can do
now, as we are so well rested. I shall at once beg
look about for a place, trusting that the Prud. Co
will be willing to agree to what I have proposed
We greatly regret the necessity, especially on acc
of the work in Jaffna. We pray that the Lord m
speedily come to the relief of his work.

With kind regards

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

J. L. B.
Rec'd 1-18-96
Ans'd

S. W. Howland
53 Washington Sq. S.
New York City
17th Jan 96

Dear Dr. Barton,

I thank you for replying so soon, and for sending the College accounts. I shall write something for the meeting as requested. With reference to the appropriations it seems rather hard to face the situation calmly hoping that the churches will come to the relief before the end of the year. It is something like telling a man who is to be executed today, to hope that a pardon will come next month. Our men are living on almost starvation salaries. There has been some increase in 25 years, but not as much as silver has gone down, or as prices have gone up. We had to cut down 33% last year on the general work, and now to cut off nearly 40% means the dismissal of 8 or 10 men who have worked for the Mission on those low salaries for years, and to cut them

off now without any visible means of supp
will produce a strong feeling in the commun
against the Mission, which will greatly hin
the work. If there is any possibility of the ex
mates being restored after some months, I should say that th
way to cut down would be to say that unl
the income improves we must cut down ~~now~~
~~10% or 15%~~ 40%. but as we hope there will be
an improvement we will require only 10% o
now, and if there is no improvement at th
end of three months, there must be anoth
reduction of 10% or 15% and so on for anot
three months. This is more complex, bu
then is a recovery the injury inflicted
not so great. As it is, the whole reduct
is to be arranged for at once, and the inj
could not be repaired by a restoration of the ex
tes some months later. But the plan I propos
seems to me better yet. It is not the same as a
sionary's leaving the field to transfer his salary.

that case there would be the traveling expenses to-
day the least. We are already here. If we go out there
will be the traveling expenses about $500 besides the
salary. Would it not be possible to refer the matter
to the Mission in Ceylon, to tell them that there must
be a reduction of 10% at once on the general work, and
a still further reduction of 27 7/10% at the end of three mos.
unless they think it wiser for us to remain in this
country until there are funds enough, or until Mr.
Smith returns. I judge that the announcement must
have reached Ceylon after Jan. salaries were paid
at the old rates, and they cannot dismiss men
without paying Feb. salaries as before, as the reduc-
tion cannot well begin before Mar. at any rate, I should
think. I know that many in Jaffna would be very
unwilling to have us stay away, but I think that
they will approve my plan, if they have not already
made the changes. Trusting that we may all be guided
for the best interests of Christ's kingdom I remain

Yours sincerely S. W. Howland.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 1-21-96
Ans'd

S. W. Howland
53. Washington sq
New York City
20th Jan 96.

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Dear Dr. Barton,

I should like to meet the Trustees of the College but did not consider it important enough to make the trip. Yet considering other matters also it may be worth the while. We plan to go to Auburndale on Thurs. so as to have Fri. the 24th in Boston —

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland —

J. L. B.
Rec'd 1-28-96
Ans'd 28

S. W. Howland
53 Washington sq So.
New York City.
27 Jan. 96 121

Dear Dr. Barton

I find that I left that book after all on your sitting room table, as you probably discovered soon after we left — Will you kindly send it to Mrs. G. M. Adams, Auburndale — I enclose 15c. for postage. We came home very comfortably today, and go out to Bound Brook N. J. tomorrow. I hope we may hear good news from Boston soon. We were glad to have an opportunity of getting better acquainted, and of meeting Mrs. Barton & the children. We enjoyed our visit, and send love to all —

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland.

J. L. B.
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S. W. Howland 122
53 Washington Sq. So.
New York City
31st Jan. 96

Dear Dr. Barton.

I have to thank you for the letter of yesterday with enclosure. and for your letter of the day before. I had not overlooked the points you mentioned. But what I proposed was that Mr. Hastings go to the College for the year. so as to relieve the Mission of that expense. and I supposed the W.B.M. would be willing to transfer what they give for Mrs. Howland to Mrs. Hastings for one year. if she is supported by the W.B.M.I. to Mrs. Smith. even if Mr. Hastings did not go to the College. the allowance for Mrs Howland would be almost as much as the cut down. if it were for a full year. but as the P.C. did not accede to Mr. Clark's request I presume they would not to mine. so I suppose we may plan for a return to Jaffna in April. and do the best we can in the circumstances. I trust that the dark clouds may soon lift. both in the financial

world and in the political. The gold and the s
are the Lord's. and the hearts of kings are in his ha
With kind regards from us both to Mrs. Darton & you

yours sincerely

J. W. Howland

J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-4-96
Ans'd

S. W. Howland 1213
53 Washington Sq. So
New York City
3d Feb. 96

Dear Dr. Barton.

Your letter of the 1st came to hand yesterday. It is some satisfaction to have the matter settled, altho not altogether satisfactorily. I think we shall have to draw the refit money, though some of it we may need to keep to send after reaching Jaffna. Also I shall probably want to have Mr. Swett make some purchases for us, the cost of which can be deducted from this, therefore it may remain with Mr. Weggin until I write for it. I shall want a portion soon. When Mr. Hastings sends a statement of the Amer. Funds of Jaffna College I should like to see a copy. As for a statement of the disastrous effects of the reduction of allowance on the Ceylon Mission, I do not think I could put it in a way to be impressive to the churches. I suppose it will be much worse in most other missions. It will be more of a personal matter in our Mission. I believe

all but two of our churches were self supporting
year. The village schools get only about $250. whe
is from the W. B. M. The reduction is only about $
on the general work, and this will, I suppose require the
missing of about ten men. Probably the lea
efficient will be selected. Some of them are we
on in years. Two or three of them would not be
seriously missed if they were called to a higher
vice. But the dismissing them will cause suff
to the individuals, and a bitter feeling of injur
treatment not only in them but through the c
munity. This is in addition to the direct loss wh
the work suffers. Probably several preaching
will have to be given up, but I cannot tell cer
about that. Certainly so much less of evangelic
work will be done, and this will be a serious l
But we feel it the most where there is the most feelin
And where men have taken this up as a life work
have spent many years in it on salaries which did
enable them to lay up anything, say $5. a month and then

stopped in their loved work, and left without any means of support, and no means of getting other employment, and with the implied stigma of not doing well, when they are not conscious of any deficiency, is pretty hard. And those of them who have worked as companions to our fathers, will feel that this younger generation of missionaries are unappreciative, unsympathetic, unwise, etc, when really we feel for them and with them. But I believe that God will in some way bring good out of it all.

With kind regards from us both to Mrs Barton & yourself,

Yours sincerely

J. W. Howland.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-18-96
Ans'd

The Presbyterian Hospital,

70th ST. and MADISON AVE.,

C. IRVING FISHER, M. D.,
SUPERINTENDENT.

New York, Feb. 14th, 1896

Rev. S. W. Howland,
53 Washington Square, So.,
New York City.

My Dear Mr. Howland:-

Enclosed a note such as I think you need for the American Board.

I believe there are many years of active service before you, and I trust it will be my pleasure some time to meet you again, and that you will not need me professionally.

With kind regards,

I am, Very respectfully,

C. Irving Fisher

Supt.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-18-96
Ans'd

Presbyterian Hospital,

70th ST. and MADISON AVE.,

C. IRVING FISHER, M. D.,
SUPERINTENDENT.

New York, Feb. 14th, 1896.

Rev. C. C. Creegan, D.D.,
Secretary A. B. C. F .M.,
New York City.

My Dear Doctor:-

Rev. Mr. Howland tells me that a certificate is needed as to his health and the propriety of his returning to his work in Ceylon.

My examination of Mr. Howland has been, as you know, practically confined to his knee which he had injured some time before I saw him. He was, at that time, well advanced in convalescence, and when I saw him a few days ago he appeared to be in good condition.

The knee joint still shows traces of the injury, but he has been improving all the time during his stay in this country, and I see no reason why the knee should not grow stronger as time goes on.

Of course, the fact that the joint has been injured once, constitutes a liability which did not exist before, but this is true of all such injuries, and I certainly see no reason why he should not return to service.

Very respectfully yours,

C. Irving Fisher

Supt.

L. B.
2-18-96

S. W. Howland 1236
53 Washington Sq. So.
New York City
17th Feb. 96

Dear Dr. Barton

I enclose herewith a Certificate from Dr. Fisher, which I presume is all that is required - I also put in his letter as that adds a little. You said nothing about a Certificate from Mr. Howland - but she plans to go again in a day or two to see the Doctor who attended her soon after her arrival, but who is absent for a day or two. I am writing to Mr. Wiggin to send the refit allowance. The cost of Mr. Swett's purchases may come off the monthly allowance - With kind regards

yours sincerely -

S. W. Howland -

Luzerne, Warren Co. N.Y.
27th May 28/27

Rev. S. W. Howland.

Rec'd May 28.

J. L. B.
Rec'd.
Ans'd 6-11-96

Dear Dr. Barton. I am thankful to be able to report myself as practically well. I am not very strong yet, but am gaining every day. It is very delightful here, the air is so pure and invigorating. We are very comfortably situated, and have excellent board. There are no other boarders at present except the Presb. minister. My wife wrote you from Albany on our way here last week in reply to your letter. We would be very glad if Mrs. Barton decides to come here. We think she could not do better. We think she would enjoy this old-fashioned comfortable home. I feel very grateful for all your kind thoughts and words in my illness and especially your prayers, and for the Board's care of me in the hospital. It was a great privilege and proved a blessing to me in more ways than one. The quiet and the comfort, and the having my wife and my sister with me so much I appreciate very much. Dr. Creegan

was very kind and helpful. We cannot tell now about the future, but we think that we can start for Ceylon the first week in Sept.

I would like to know what the annual income of the College Funds is now. Has the Atchison R.R. begun paying interest, and at full rate. I want to make some arrangements about a successor to Mr. Best, but need to know our resources. Is my salary charged to the College now? With love from us both to Mrs Barton and yourself —

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

P.S. I am sure your children would enjoy the walks here, and the boats on the lake. My sister is here with us for the present. H

L. B.
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Rev. S. H. Howland 128

Luzerne. Warren Co. N. Y.
15th June. '96.

ear Dr. Barton. Rec'd June 18.

I was glad to get your letter
11th a few days ago. We are much obliged
Prudential Committee for their kind action in
the Hospital expenses. I do not see what the
e is to do for funds. I infer from what the Treas.
that there will be no income from the Atchison
for two or three years. Would it not be better to
m at their market value which I believe is about 79%
vest in other securities? I suppose there is a possi-
their coming up to par. but is not the probability of
dicated by their present market value. Or is it ex-
at when they begin paying interest they will pay it
face value? You see that we have drawn on the
for the College over Rs. 7000. or nearly $1000. and,
s Mr. & Mrs Hitchcock's allowance. that need for
est and myself is nearly $1400. without counting
e expenses. Then if the Scudder Memorial fails

some $50. more will be needed for that - Dr. Scud
wrote me that the church trustees refused to contin
and yet I saw $40. acknowledged in the May Herald
I should like to engage someone to take Mr. Best's p
and would be glad if I could take him out with
but I do not see how I can under the circumstan
I am glad to report myself as gaining in hea
and strength every day. We are all three enjoying
stay here. and I think will be much better pu
to return to Ceylon in Sept. than we would have
last April. if I had not been taken sick - With
remembrances from us all to Mrs. Barton & your
yours sincerely
J. W. Howland

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-17-96
Ans'd 17

Rev. S. H. Howland 129
Luzerne. Warren Co. N. Y.
15th July 96

Dear Dr. Barton.

I wrote you some time ago
bout the College Funds but have recd no reply.
should like, if possible, to arrange about Mr. Best's
ccessor before we leave. Mr. Hastings suggested the
ther of Mrs. Dr. Scott, i.e. Arthur McCallum who
just graduated at Toronto University I think,
wrote to him, but not knowing his address I fear
did not get my letter as I get no reply — Do you know his address?
re you asked the College Fund Treas. whether it
uld not be well to exchange the Atchison
ands for some thing that would give a present income.
think that it is desirable to strengthen our staff
foreign teachers just now in order not to lose
ground already gained, and a few hundreds more
e would count for more now than a few years later
t is the prospect of the Scudder Memorial Fund?
Dr. Scudder is leaving Norwich. We are all

getting on well. My sister had some malaria w
the Doctor says must have been in her system be
She seems all right again now. With kind rega
from us all -

Yours sincerely
S. W. Moorland

Rev. G. W. Howland 130

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-27-96
Ans'd 24

Luzerne Warren Co. N.Y.
22d July. '96.

Rec'd

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter of the 17th is at hand. You say that the College is now free from debt, but do you not think of the account of the local expenses in Jaffna, of which I have just rec'd a copy, and which has nothing to do with the Am. Fund. and the Am. Professors. The account of the Am. Fund reported by Mr. Hastings Jan. 1st made out a debt of 3161.31 which would be about $.900. Unless you have remitted a good deal since then it must be still a debt. I spoke with Mr. Wiggin about charging an allowance to the College. The Holyoke Fund and the Scudder Fund had been taken by the ~~College~~ B.C.F.M. and for nearly two years instead of ~~the~~ going to the College. To correct this Mr. Wiggin paid the College $100. and we agreed that the balance might be met by my traveling expenses and allowance for paid by Board. the year. But I suppose it would be fair for the College

to pay my allowance from Apr. 20th '96 thou
not see where the funds are to come from, if
so bonds do not pay interest.

We were sorry to hear of Mrs. Barton's ill
and trust that she has now recovered. We
all doing well. With kind regards fro

yours sincerely

J. W. Howla

J. E. B.
Rec'd Aug. 18. 96.
Ans'd 5-3

S. W. Howland
Luzerne. Warren Co. N.Y.
Mon. 17th Aug. 96.

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Dear Dr. Barton.

I have to thank you for your letter of the 12th recd Sat. I am obliged to the P.C. for putting my salary on the Board. It will be a help to the College. and I hope it will not affect the allowance made for the General Work of the Mission. I have been trying to find Mr. MacCallum. bro. of Mrs. Dr. Scott. to see if he would go out to the College. but I get no reply. and besides I believe he is not a B.A. but a graduate in Applied Science - I wrote last week to Prof. North. and he at once replied that he could recommend a man. As Mr. Best has consented to stay until the end of the College year in Feb. we could get along until the new year May. 1st But in order to be there then a man would have to start in March. and it is practically impossible to get one at that time of year. Moreover it will be a great advantage to the College to have a man

at once. The extra expense will be met by Mr. St John's gift already in hand. I mean the salary of the new man from Oct to May. Prof. North asked what salary was given. I said $625. had been the rule but Mr. Best had more because of the difficulty of getting a man. As this man is a graduate, and Mr. Best was not I presume he will feel that he ought to have as much. I shall write you as soon as I hear again from Prof. North, who is at Saratoga. Will the Trustees approve under the circumstances of a man's going now if I can secure him. We are both well and anticipating our return to Jaffna in 19 days from now. With kind regards from us both

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

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g. 31. '96
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S. W. Howland 132
Luzerne Warren Co. N.Y.
22d Aug. 96

r Dr. Barton.

We are expecting to sail from York next Sat. the 5th Sep. by the S.S. Etruria Cunard Line. Dr. Creegan has engaged our passage. e also engaged our passage from Marseilles to . by the Bibby Line steamer "Cheshire." We expect cross to Marseilles to meet it, leaving there . I took the liberty of making this arrange- as it will cost no more I think than the usual and will be a relief to us as it will save a at sea. We get our tickets from Marseilles to n for £36 each on a steamer that carries no 2d class ive the usual rate from London is £50. with a ut. a reduction for Missionaries. The expense from to Marseilles is about £4. besides hotel bills. If ere going from London we would probably be there ys at least. And our hotel bills will be no more that, as we shall be only ten days from Liverpool

to Marseilles. There will be no expense for our t
as we shall put it on board our steamer at Liverp
Thus I think we have every reason in favor of this p
and I assumed that the Prud. Comm. would not obj
and that it was not even necessary to refer the ma
to them. Yet I thought it well to refer to it an
explain my reasons. We hope to hear that Mr
Barton is improving in health. We leave for Ph
City on Mon. and will write you from there.
Kind regards from us to Mr

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Cursd
10-25-26

New York.
5th Sep. 98

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Dear Dr. Barton

I wrote you the other day about taking a young man for the College with us. Several times I have been on the point of securing one. But none has as yet been secured. So I shall have to leave the matter in your hands. Prof North writes that he can probably get one from present senior class to go in March. That will do if I cannot do better. I have written (yesterday) on Mr. McConaughey's recommendation to Mr. Frank Wood. of the Worcester Academy - asking him. I fear he is engaged. He may write to you. If he is able to come I would be very glad to have him

ecompany Mr. McCaughey & Mr.
Mrs. Heb. two weeks hence. We are
not starting and cannot write more
now. With love from both to all
yours truly
S. W. Haviland

Rev. S. W. Howland
New York, Sept. 6, 1896

L. B.
9-29-96
10-28

CUNARD·ROYAL·MAIL·STEAMSHIP·"ETRURIA"

Sept. 10th 96.

Dear Dr. Barton

I received your two letters on board. and write now to acknowledge them. I believe I wrote all that was necessary about the College. but may perhaps repeat. If a man could be got for the College at once it would be very desirable and I feel confident that I could meet the expense. i.e. I could pay his way out. and carry until Mr. Best leaves. from Mr. Johns money. But I fear no one can be secured. As I wrote before I applied to Mr. Frank Wood of Worcester High School. I asked him to write to you and make arrangements if he could go. But I

a couple of months so as to have a real graduate. I will write of this from Jaffna if we do not get one before. I think that the usual allowance of $625. is enough to offer. But if it is necessary you might go a little higher as Dr. Clark did with Mr. Best. It is also desirable to engage for ~~three~~ four years if we can. but three years if we cannot get for four. It might be well as in the case of Mr. Best to make the allowance for a fourth year somewhat more than for the other years. We have thus far had a very pleasant voyage. I was asked to conduct the service on Sunday. There were nearly 200 present. Thanking you for all your kindness and with kind regards from us both to you both. I am yours sincerely S. W. Howland.

P.S. We find it pleasant having with us Miss Webb. of Spain. SWH

sume he has already made his arrange-
ts for the year. A Mr. Morris was
commended to me by Dr. Judson. and he
uld have liked to come. but concluded
he could not. He is nearly through his
ological course. and I would have been
d to get him. If no one comes now
must by all means have one by May 1:
d it is well to arrange beforehand if
sible. because when the time comes we
ve to take what we can get. Mr. Best
an excellent young man. and perhaps
the whole it is well that he came. and
t other things being equal it is very
irable that we have College graduate.
f. North wrote that he could probably get
of the present senior class at Hamilton
lege. who would be nearly through his
dies in March. If we can't do any better
might do. but he should be one to whom
College could give the degree with his class.

Rev. S. H. Hoorland

Sep. 10, 1896.

J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd 1-4-97

S. W. Howland Jaffna, Ceylon
23d Oct 96.

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Dear Dr. Barton.

I am glad to report our safe arrival here last Fri. the 16th inst. after a quick and comfortable journey. Several days in the Red Sea were very hot, but otherwise we felt ourselves highly favored all the way. We were glad we had the privilege of going across to Marseilles, and the more so when on going on board the vessel we saw the stewardess with her arm in a sling, she having fallen and broken it in a storm encountered in the Bay of Biscay. The expense was a little more than I anticipated. We went 2d class from London to Paris, as planned, except in crossing the channel, and expected to continue so to Marseilles, but we found that on the latter journey the 2d class took much longer, and was without the same conveniences of meals, etc., and as it was a tiresome ride at best, thought it wiser to go first class, even though it cost $6. more for each. The total cost of our journey to Ceylon

as somewhat more than I had in mind before
ting, but this was because I was thinking of
cost on our way home last year, which was ex-
tionally low, and, as I now learn, the eastward trip
always more expensive. Mr. Hastings in coming out
years ago paid £40 for steamer fare from London
Colombo. We paid only £41-11-2 for fares. The
ding bills in Paris and Marseilles were not much
e than as if we had stayed in London 11 days, as is
ally necessary for securing passage, etc. In addition
the items I have put down there were of necessity various
er expenses which we had to meet, but which were
t strictly chargeable. I charged board in New York
for my sister because she had no salary allow-
e for the 5 days from Sep. 1 to 5. I trust that
accounts which I enclose for the Treas. will be
proved, both because we had your approval of the
te before starting, and because it seems to us still
we followed the wisest course, and also because
tals and items do not seem to us excessive.

We landed in Jaffna after midnight but had
ood company of missionaries and native Christians
meet us at the pier. and the next day we had
ptions and welcomes all day. by missionaries and
the church and the College. It is exceedingly
asant to be so warmly welcomed by all. and it
very touching to hear the expressions of gratitude
God for hearing prayer on our behalf. It gives
great joy to be in our work again. and we well
ciate what has been done by our associates
carrying on the work so successfully in our absence
pray that our lives and health may be spared
many years of service to come.
hope to hear good reports of Mrs. Barton's res-
health. and of encouraging increase in the
ury of the Lord. With kind regards from
both. to Mrs. Barton & yourself

I remain yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Jaffna, Ceylon 136
5 Dec 96.

Dear Prof. North.

Time is rapidly passing
nd by the time you receive this it will
Jan. 97. and it will be necessary to de-
e soon about a successor to Mr. Best.
n said that you thought you could find
good man in the present senior class who
uld be willing to come in Mar. We want
y much to have our man come then if
can, but, as I wrote before, we do not
t him then, if his coming so early prevents
getting his degree. Prof. Lowe of the
sleyan University, Lincoln, Neb, who
s himself out here four years in our
School, very highly recommends a
Smith of their class of 96, who is willing
me. The only objection seems to be that
engaged in a High School until the middle

next June. If you can recommend a good
an who can come in March, and have his degree
so that would suit us much better. If a
milton man cannot come with a degree before
ne, then Dr. Barton will have to weigh his
alifications as reported by you in comparison
th those of Lincoln. I may say that other
ngs being equal I would prefer a Hamilton
an. But I must leave the decision with Dr.
arton, at Boston, because there is not time
write back and forth. Therefore I ask that
u will kindly write soon to Dr. Barton and
him what you can do for us. I hope this
s not put you in an unpleasant position.
is the best we can do, and I do not hesitate
peal to you to do what you can for us for the Master's
rice. We are having good meetings this week
some religious interest. With kind regards
Yours sincerely L. W. Hoxland.

Rev. S. H. Howland, to Pres. Ro

Jaffna, Dec. 5, '96.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 1-15-97
Ans'd 2-1

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Jaffna. Ceylon.
5th Dec 96

Dear Dr. Barton.

Your letter of Oct 29 is at hand. I have to leave it with you to arrange for a man for the College. It is true that we want a man who can start in Mar. but if we can get a better man by waiting until June we are willing to wait. Prof. Lowe wrote me about Mr. Smith. and as I have confidence in his judgment I would say that Mr. Smith is the man to suit us. if we cannot get a man sooner. Prof. North of Hamilton College thought he could get a good man of the present senior class to come in Mar. I replied that if that meant that he would not have a degree. I would prefer to have him wait until June. I am writing to him again. and I ask him to communicate with you. Miss Myers mentioned a Mr. Souter. a Presbyterian pastor in Cincinnati. as likely to be willing to come

and she has written to him. If he applies and
you find on inquiry that he is a suitable one, of course
we would prefer his higher attainments and experience
to those of a younger man, other things being equal.
As I have said before I think you need not
delay on account of funds. I have something here,
and can probably get more if necessary to prevent
the College suffering injury. At any rate kindly
arrange for some one soon. It will not be so hard
to wait till June if we are sure of a first class man.
and know of it in time. If several candidates
apply kindly weigh their various advantages care-
fully and decide for us. There is no time to write
back and forth. Mr. & Mrs Hieb are with us just
now and we are having our Y.M.C.A. week of prayer.
several have decided for Christ, and we are hoping
for more to come out. I will write again soon.
With kind regards from us both to Mr. Barton
and yourself Yours sincerely J. W. Howland.

Rev. J. H. Howland,
Jaffna, Dec. 5, '97.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-29-97
Ans'd

Jaffna Ceylon
16 Feb 97.

Dear Dr. Barton

Your letter of Jan. 5, came to hand a few days ago. I am sorry you had no report or statement from us to give to the Trustees. I did not have it in mind about the Jan. meeting of the Trustees. You see the College year closes in March, when we have our long summer vacation, beginning the new year at the end of April. March and April are our hot months, and our University Examinations come the first part of March. However I will endeavor to see that a provisional report is sent next December. I suppose it would be of no use sending one now, and I might as well wait until next month. Everything is going on as usual. Mr. Best leaves at the end of this term, early in March. I am glad there is good prospect for getting a successor to him. I could have got a married man last Fall, but did not think it wise, as we have not suitable accommodations for another family, without considerable expenditure for building, and I suppose that the funds will not admit. I hope the matter will be all settled before this reaches you. We are printing the Mission Report for '96, which I prepared. I hope to have it finished next week. I hope also to send Dr. Throop

in a few days, some pictures with some matter that I think he can use. With kind regards from us both to you all—

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Rev. J. H. Howland

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J. L. B.
Rec'd Apr 7 '97
Ans'd

Kodaikanal
So. India.
13th Apr. '97.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter of Mar. 5. reached me a few days ago. We were very glad to hear of Mr. Elmer. and that we are likely to have so good a worker. I hope that he will have started by the time this reaches you, as our new year begins in a little more than a fortnight. and it is desirable that he be here as soon as possible. I think that your suggestion about a pamphlet on the College is a good one. We were thinking of making the midyear number of the College Miscellany another Catalogue with some special features because of the twenty fifth year of the College. But perhaps a special pamphlet issued in America in addition would be desirable. You will see by our Mission Report, which I prepared this year, what kind of cuts we can get up locally.

t such as appear in the Life & Light
ll be much better. I shall secure
ne suitable photos. on our return to
ffna. We thought we would not come
the Hills this year. having come so
ently from America. but Dr. Scott thought
advisable. and it has proved so
s. Howland has been laid up ever
nce we came five weeks. with a large
bscess over the stomach. and has suf
ered very much. If we had been in the
at I presume it would have been
uch worse to recover from. It is now
early healed. and she is beginning to
ain a little. The weather here is delightful
nd bracing. and the society of missionaries
pleasant and stimulating, I rec'd
our letter of Feb. 6th some time since with
d of Exch for £ 260. I did not at once
cknowledge. because I did not have means
o know if I had acknowledged the 1st
without writing to Mr. Hastings. He says

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-19-97
Ans'd 20

Rev. J. H. Howland, D.D.
Jaffna, Ceylon.
16th June '97.

J. L. Barton DD.

Dear Friend,

I believe I last wrote you from the Hills. We stayed until the 1st of May - two weeks longer than we had intended, but the abscess was not closed until then. My wife was still very weak, but the doctor gave us permission to come, and we were anxious to get back. We had also heard that the southwind had set in strong, and we inferred that the hot weather was over. In getting on to steamer to cross over, it was very rough, and my wife was much bruised by the men who tried to lift her. As a consequence the abscess was opened again, and has not yet healed, now over five weeks. One of the doctors has been dressing it nearly every day, and they say that it seems to be closing again now. While we were going up the Hills in March

we were unexpectedly exposed to the sun in such a way that my wife was quite prostrated by it, and nearly unconscious for hours. The suffering from the abscess which followed was such that this was not so much thought of, but when we came down into the heat again she was quite overcome by it, and after reaching our home at Batticotta she was scarcely able to eat or sleep, and suffering constantly from severe headache and feeling of intense heat, with great weakness. After three weeks we came to the beach in Jaffna town, eight miles from Batticotta. Here the wind blows almost a gale right off the sea, and the temperature is about 2° lower than in Batticotta and with the wind is much more bearable. She seems to be gaining slowly, but is still very weak. I go to Batticotta some days for College work, and my sister has come some days to stay when I am away. It seems as if my wife would not

be able to stand this climate. I was afraid of it when we were deciding to come from America last year, but she was so eager to come that I could not bear to express my fears, and hoped that all would be well. Even now the Doctor has not expressed his opinion, but Dr. Kynsey, by whose orders we went home in '85, and to whom I wrote as a friend on his leaving the Island, & before Dr. Scott returned from the Hills, writes that he does not think that Mrs. Howland can safely continue to live in this climate. If we were going we could not well leave before the middle of Sept. because of the heat in the Red Sea, and I would write when it is decided. I write this now to let you know the state of the case so far as we know it ourselves. We would be very sorry to leave the work in Jaffna, but if we had to go we would expect to take up other work in U.S.A. The College work is going on well. The deferred annual meeting of the Directors comes in a few days. I shall send you a copy of my report

to them. We are hoping to welcome Mr. Elmer before the end of the month. You will have heard from Dr. Scott the sad news of the secret marriage of Dr. Irwin to Mr. Batnam before leaving America. We are all much distressed by it. We have just had having a large Y.M.C.A. Convention in the Town, led by Dr. White, Mr. Eddy of the Student Volunteer Movement & Mr. Hieb. the Ceylon Y.M.C.A. Sec. I hope much good will come from it to our young men. Two weeks earlier we had at Batticotta the jubilee meetings of the Native Evangelical Society for ten days with nearly a thousand in attendance. Pastor Rice of Batticotta has been practically laid aside for some weeks by partial facial paralysis. He seems however to be recovering. With our united affectionate regards to Mrs. Barton and yourself

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

9-30-97

Hatton, Ceylon.
30th Aug. '97.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your kind letter of July 20th came just before we left Jaffna Aug 21st I should have written you as soon as it was decided that we must return to Am. but I supposed Mr. Smith would have written you at once. I wrote at once however to Dr. Creegan, asking him to be on the look out for some place for us, as I suppose the Board cannot continue us any allowance, because we have to return so soon after our furlough. According to Dr. Scott's advice it was desirable to get away as soon as possible, yet the heat in the Red Sea makes it unadvisable to start before the middle of Sept. My wife felt the heat there very much last year even in the first week of Oct, but we understand that it will not be felt as much when going the other way. We have engaged passage on the S.S. Cheshire, the one on which we came out last year, to leave Colombo Sep. 16th The steamer from Jaffna leaves there the 14; but that would be too close a connection to be risked, so we decided to take the one a fortnight earlier. Then we concluded that we had better take the one previous to that and spend three weeks here at Hatton, as Dr. Kynsey the Principal Colonial Surgeon had advised us. Dr. Scott also thought it the best thing to do, and the Mission approved. The last few days before leaving Jaffna were very hot and oppressive, and as many people were coming

to say "good bye". They were very fatiguing to my wife. We were favored in securing a well furnished house here at a low rate, because it is out of season. This is 4200 ft. above the sea, and the mercury averages about 68.° It is on the railway about 6½ hours from Colombo. The second night on the little steamer from Jaffna was quite rough, and my wife had a bad fall in the cabin, as the vessel was rolling, and she was not strong on her feet. I feared it might prove serious, and she has suffered much pain from it but seems recovering from that, and to be gaining strength otherwise. We have been here nearly a week now. We were very sorry to have to leave the work in Jaffna with no prospect of a return, but there seemed no alternative. I hope that my wife may recover her health in the home land, but Dr. Scott says she cannot live long in Jaffna. We believe the Lord will open some door for us in America, and the work is one whether here or there. My own health is quite good. I have been troubled with numerous small boils, which seemed to be due to the heat, and were not serious.

We had our annual prize-giving Aug. 4, and as it was the 25 anniversary of the beginning of the College, made a special day of it. We had an alumni meeting in the forenoon, then an alumni dinner, quite an innovation. Then came the prize speaking, then sports, then in the eve. my reports & the prize giving and

addresses by the visitors. I enclose a copy of my report as printed in the Colombo Observer. I have got quite a number of photos of the College buildings etc. which I am bringing, and I will write matter for a book as you suggest, and have it ready when we arrive. We expect to take the S.S. Etruria from Liverpool Oct. 16th and reach New York Oct 23. I was sorry to leave the College without anyone to take my place. I urged that Mr. Hastings be moved to Batticotta, but all thought Uduppitty ought not to be left. I think Mrs. Smith might have gone there as she did once before, but I could not urge it. I think someone must be sent to Jaffna as soon as possible. The College needs a President, who should be one who has had some experience in Missionary work, and there is no one to fill the bill except Mr. Hastings. He has already had some experience in the place, and his being a son of Dr. Hastings would make him acceptable as well as for his own sake. If he does not go there soon the College will lose its prestige, and some of its influence and usefulness. Therefore a missionary family should be sent as soon as possible to occupy Uduppitty. The Smiths are expecting to come to Am. in Mar. Certainly the children should come without further delay, and they need their parents with them. Mr. Elmer seems the right

man for the place. He arrived only 10 days or so before the close of the term, so we gave him work drilling speakers and marking examination papers, etc. The new term began four days before we left, and he was put into full work. The College does not lack so much instructors as a head. Mr. Hastings if there could do a good deal Mission work. In fact he would have to do so, with the missionaries so few. Among the many kind things said to us on our leaving I appreciated perhaps as much as any what one of our younger pastors said, that I had made Christ more real to him. Many are following us with their prayers. It is a time of peculiar difficulty just now in Jaffna, partly in connection with the Ratnam affair, and there is a spirit of criticism of the missionaries abroad, but there seemed genuine regret at our departure in the minds of all. With kind regards from us both to you all

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

P.S. I have asked Dr. Cryan to write me in London care of Mrs. Cory, 23 Torrington square. H

Hatton, Ceylon, Aug. 30, '97

J. L. B.
Rec'd 10-21-97
Ans'd 22

London
13 Oct 97.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I write a line from here to let you know of our progress. We reached here on the 8th and expect to have on the 16th by the S. S. Lucania of the Cunard line, reaching New York on the 23d. I am glad to be able to report that Mrs. Howland has been much benefited by the trip so far. We thought it best to come across from Marseilles, taking it in easy stages, three days instead of one, stopping one day in Paris. We were very much favored by unusually pleasant weather for our 18 days on the steamer. In the Red Sea we had only one night that was really hot, which somewhat upset Mrs. Howland for a few days. The week from Marseilles to London is usually rather rough, and I was afraid of it for Mrs. Howland, and besides we can get suitable food better on land, altho

we did very well on the steamer.
We are surprised to find that all the
chief lines on the Atlantic have raised
their rates, and we can get nothing
lower than £20. unless we go 10 day
or second class. I do not think it wo
to ride either with Mrs. Howland.
We might get lower rates next month
but our board bill would make up the
difference. Besides it seems important
that we get to America as soon as we
can. Mrs. Putnam is with us as you
will have heard. She has proved a pleasa
traveling companion, and has been helpf
to Mrs. Howland. She goes across the Atlant
2d class on the same steamer with us, an
will probably stay at the Judson over
Sunday. We are hoping that the Lord
will open some door for our work asso
as we arrive. My health is quite good
and I hope that my wife will soon be i
fairly good health. We are ready fo

work anywhere that the Lord may call us. I hoped to get a letter from Dr. Creegan here about something, but it seems that we must wait, and have the door opened when we need to enter it. We are stopping at Mrs. Cory's and were glad to meet here the Misses Ely, the Bridgmans & Miss Clarke, & Mr. Gulick of Spain. With kind regards from us both

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Rev. S. H. Howland,

London, Oct. 13, 1897,

Rec'd Oct. 21.

Sp

J. L. B.
Rec'd 10-28-97
Ans'd 11-19

53 Washington sq. So. New York City
26th Oct. 97

Dear Dr. Barton,

We received your kind letter on our arrival here Saturday night after a rough uncomfortable voyage across the Atlantic. The shaking caused Mrs. Howland's boil to increase so that it had to be opened on Sunday, and she is obliged to be quiet for a few days. Dr. Joseph Sanders is attending her. On the whole her health is much better, and I have hopes of complete recovery. But life in the tropics is apparently out of the question, so we are seeking something to do here. We are hoping to find something speedily so that we may not be a charge on the Board especially in this time of its straits. If we do not get something at once we may need to apply for aid for two or three months, but this can be considered later if necessary. I send herewith a somewhat detailed summary of our expenses. The total seems high, but this is in part due to the rise in Atlantic rates. Miss Hyde of Turkey came with Mrs. Putnam in the 2d class on the same steamer, and I think she deserves great credit for enduring so much to save expense to the Board. I do not think it would have been right for us. The trip to Hallow was approved by the Mission, and I feel sure was the wisest course for us, as well as the coming across France. I trust that the accounts may be accepted under the circumstances. I drew from Spicer Bros. £70. and Mrs. Putnam got £20. on an order from Mr. Hastings. I told the Spicers that I would ask our Treas. in Boston to send this amount, £90. to

them at once as they have not Mission Funds in hand.
Dr. Rentnam went on to Canada last night to meet her parents and friends. It has been pleasant to have her with us, and she has helped my wife. I think she is anxious to work for Christ in whatever way she can best do it. She will reply to your letter soon if she has not already done so. We feel sorry for her and sympathy to, altho she is not altogether free from blame in the matter of the marriage.
You ask about the College. I wrote you from Ceylon that I thought that Mr. Hastings ought to go to take my place. I have since heard that Mr. Elmer is engaged to an estimable young lady. I do not think they ought to wait indefinitely therefore I propose that he have his lady come out to Jaffna without delay, and be married and go to Uduppitty as a member of the Mission, while Mr. Hastings goes to Batticotta to take my place, and another young man be secured to take Mr. Elmer's place. I think that this will suit all the parties concerned in Jaffna. Yet their opinion ought to be definitely obtained, i.e. the opinions first of Mr. Elmer, then of Mr. Hitchcock, then of the Mission, then of the Board of Directors. Then if the Prud. Comm. & the Amer. Trustees also approve I think that all will be well. In accordance with your request I obtained a number of photographs about the College, and have written something. I think of making some inquiries here as to cost of preparing

cuts, printing, etc, but perhaps it can be better done in Boston. What is your idea as to size, cost, etc.

We have had so much traveling lately that we do not feel like undertaking more at present, and it does not seem to me that much can be accomplished by our coming. With kind regards from us both to Mrs. Barton and yourself

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

New York, Oct. 26, '97

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 11-8-97
Ans'd 19

New York. 6th Nov. 97

Dear Dr. Barton

Thank you for your kind letter. I am also much obliged to the Prud. Comm. for voting us an allowance. It is practically settled now that I take charge of the Mission of the 48th st Collegiate Dutch Reformed church. of which Dr. Coe. son-in-law of Dr. Storrs, is pastor. The Mission is in 54th st. near 9th Ave. I preached there one month in May 96. The one now in charge will leave Jan. 1st perhaps before that. Until we begin there we will have to accept the allowance from the Board. I am glad to say that Mrs. Howland seems to continue to gain in strength, though not very strong yet. If there had been a favorable opportunity I would have preferred work in connection with the Congregational body. but there seemed no opening. and this seemed to be of the Lord's leading. It is an important work. and one which I am sure we shall enjoy. and one for which we would presumably be as well fitted as for any. and our friends too are interested in it. I shall let you know after it is definitely settled. I hope to write you in a few days more particularly about the College circular.

With kind regards from us both to Mrs Barton & yourself

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

New York, Nov. 6, 1875

I. L. B.
Rec'd 12-2-97
Ans'd 2.

350 W. 56th st. New York City
30th Nov. '97.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have just rec'd the enclosed letter from the Tract Soc. I went there a few days ago to consult them about a pamphlet about Jaffna College. The estimate which they make is twice what I was expecting. I will see them again, and see if it cannot in some way be reduced. I have over 20 good photos, and would like to put in at least 17, as follows:

1. Group of 120 students
2. High School.
3. College buildings.
4. Interior Otley Hall.
5. " Office & Library.
6. " Dining Hall.
7. " Dormitory
8. " Gymnasium
9. Tug of War.
10. Group of Faculty.
11. " B.A. students 10.
12 " Alumni.
13. Church Exterior.
14. " Interior.
15 Banyan tree over gate.
16. Prayer rooms.
17. Principal's House.

Kindly let me know whether you think this expenditure or anything near it would be justified. Some of the above pictures, which might seem less important, such as 9.13.14.15. are the most attractive in appearance. We have been so busy getting settled that I have not taken time to attend to this before. The Doctor reports favorably on Mr. Howland's improvement, and gives good hopes of complete recovery. but

does not think she could live long in Ceylon. With kind regards from us both to Mr. Barton and yourself—

yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

P.S. Since writing the above I have seen the Tract Society agent, and told him I did not think that we wanted the pamphlet electrotyped. This will take off $31. and perhaps more. Then I proposed a smaller page, i.e. the same size as the cut having no letter press on the pages which have cuts, and binding it on the shorter side. This would take off some more. He will consult a printer and let me know, when I will write you again. H

P.S. No. 2. Kindly send me a list of the Jaffna College Trustees for Amen Fund.

New York, Nov. 30, 97

J. L. B.
Rec'd 12-7-97
Ans'd

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350 W 56th st New York
4th Dec. '97

Dear Dr. Barton

I enclose herewith another letter which I have rec'd from Dr. Shearer's man. In his previous letter the amt $172.28 included the preparing of the cuts, and the electrotype plates. Still it seemed very high. This later letter seems more reasonable. Still I think you can probably get it done more satisfactorily in Boston. I believe the size proposed in this is 5½X4 for the cuts. each cut to be on a page by itself, and the reading matter about the same, a trifle larger. This is something the style of the Miss Leitch's pamphlets about the College, but not so long. I thought a smaller type than long primer would do, but this man thought it would not be so acceptable. Have you received copies of the College Catalogue printed this year, in Sept.? and do you think it would be well to include the charter & constitution in this pamphlet. Perhaps it might be put in smaller type than the rest of the reading matter. Also please let me know what you think as to size of page, and shall I send it to you. Thanking you for your letter of the 2d and with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

S. W. Howland.

12-22-97

Rev. S. H. Howland, D.D.S.
350 W 56 st New York City.
20th Dec. '97. 147

Dear Dr. Barton,

I received this morning the pamphlet about Euphrates College and was interested in it. I think I shall send you towards the photos I have, and the manuscript, and then you can decide how many pictures are desirable and also about the text.

I write now about finances. I expect to begin work Jan. 1st and therefore will not expect to draw from the funds of the Board after that. We have got pleasantly and comfortably settled in a flat five minutes walk from the chapel. For furniture we have been taking the proceeds of what we sold our furniture for in Jaffna and friends have helped. But so far altogether aside from the expense of getting settled our current expenses have much exceeded our income. The three weeks we were at the "Judson" we had to pay $22 per week

or at the rate of $95. (nearly) per month. and the
expenses come to not less than $25 per mo. washing
is $5. or more. carfare, etc. We thought boarding
would be cheaper, but we have to get gluten bread
and cream, and meat, and so far we have not
been able to live on less, so that we have been
spending what we had saved for furnishing. I
sold about half of my books, and have not been
able to buy any, which I need very much. We
could only live on $75. per mo. by going to some
country place, but Mrs. Howland had to have the doc
every day, until recently, and for that reason as w
as other reasons we could not do that. Then besid
it was desirable that we get settled before our
work begins, and Mrs. Howland was not up to
much travel. Seeing that we only receive from
the Board support for 2¼ months after nearly
25 years. I think it would not be out of the wa
for us to receive our necessary expenses for those
2¼ months, say $120. per mo. or receive ~~as~~ allowance, returning

The other matter is in reference to our doctor. Dr. Joseph Sanders has been obliged to dress my wife's abscesses as well as treat her in other ways, every day for nearly two months, until the week before last, when he came only 3 times and last week only once. I hope that he will not have to come much more, but he has made nearly fifty visits. As we have no means to pay him, I think it would be reasonable if the Board would add something for him. I do not know how much he ought to have. He is a competent physician and surgeon, but he is a Jaffna man, and interested in missions and would not want to take more than necessary. Can the Board not add to our retiring allowance what would be right to pay him. I might add that I expect to receive from Jan. 1st $112.50 per mo. and I find that it will require the most careful economy to get along on it. Our rent is $30. besides gas, & coal for range. I only ask this because it seems a necessity.

I am glad to say that my wife is gaining stead
but slowly. With kind regards from us both
yourself and Mrs. Barton.

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland.

12-22-97

Rev. S. H. Howland, D.D.
350 W 56th St. New York.

21 Dec 97. 148

Dear Dr. Barton,

I send herewith what I have prepared about the College, also the photos in an album. I wanted to put in 18 photos in all, as follows.

		No. in album
1 College group.		1
2 High School.		2.
3. Buildings.		15.
4. Hall.		12
5. Office		10
6. Faculty		4.
7. B. A. students		5
8. Alumni		3.
9. Dining room.		8
10 Dormitory.		9.
11. Gymnasium.		7
12. Tug of war.		6
13. Church.		18
14 4 Interior.		19
15. Prayer rooms.	13.	
16. Gate	17	
17. Principal's House	20	
18. Y.M.C.A. garden.	14	

omitted, but it is quite as important as any of the buildings. The gate is interesting, as being not only the entrance for the College Corp. but also always the barn yard. I think it with a palm tree in its centre. Yet if you think they do not enough to the interest I have for the added cost you may omit what you think best. Perhaps the church & interior, the prayer rooms & Principal's house might be the size of a smaller.

The material which I send I think is about 14 pages of the size of pamphlet you sent. If the pictures I suggest are put in there should be about a couple pages more of description. Also there should be a little more about the College if these pictures do not go in. I can easily furnish when I know how much is wanted. Perhaps I might omit some of what I have written or condense some parts. I send a cut, or rather print which Mr. Fogal gave me as a sample of what he proposed but different size. I think that money might be taken from the College Funds, but I leave it to you to decide how much would be a wise expenditure. If we have 32 pp. 12 of them cuts, we might put in 2 or three more cuts printed separately at $6. ea. I enclose a cutting about a prize giving in Colombo, which may interest you, & perhaps you can make some use of it. I shall be glad if you will take charge of the College pamphlet and decide about sending me the proofs. But if you think it better to send it here, you may do so. With kind regards, yours sincerely F. W. Howland.

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12-27-47
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Rev. S. H. Howland D.D.
350 W 56 st. New York

25th Dec 97 /49

Dear Dr. Barton

Your letter of the 22d came to hand the day before yesterday, and I thank you for your kind words and good wishes. I hardly know what to say. I know the need of money in the field, and the difficulty there is in securing what is needed, and for this reason I do not like to take anything. Yet it seems necessary to have something. I think that Dr. Landers ought to have not less than $50, and as much as $75. would seem to me more reasonable. Then, as I wrote before, taking our current expenses as $120. though in reality they have been more that, it would make about $100. extra, for 2¼ mos. as follows.

2¼ mos @ $75.	=	168.75
extra —	=	100.00
2¼ X 120. total (say)		270.00
Doctor Landers	=	50.00
total,	=	320.00

If you like to make it $325. or 350. I would be glad

You could buy it before the Prud. Comm. a
$100. extra besides the regular allowance for 2¼
and $50. for the doctor's 50 visits and medicin
or you could put it as a lump sum, inclu
allowance for 2¼ mos. + doctor's pay.

As for the College ms. I think it would be well
to put Trustees' names on second page of cover a
you suggest. Also any other changes that strik
you. I shall not object to putting in only ha
a dozen pictures, if you think that more wou
not be useful in adding to the interest, or if th
would give an idea of extravagance.

With kind regards and the season's greeting
from us both to Mrs. Barton + yourself

Yours sincerely
S. W. Howland.

D. L. B.
1-1-98

350 W. 56th St New York City
31st Dec. '97.

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Dear Dr. Barton

I thank you for your letter of the 28th inst. and the kind words in it. My idea is that what we receive from the Board is not pay or even a mark of appreciation, but only allowance to meet necessities. I have to thank the Prud. Comm. for their generous allowance, and to ask that you will kindly inform Mr. Wiggin and ask him to send it to me as soon as convenient. I also enclose our resignation for the Prud. Com.

With reference to the College pamphlet, please feel at liberty to alter or condense as much as you think best, or if you will indicate I will do it. I thought that some might be interested in the description of the faculty, even if all were not, but it is not well to overload the publication with matter that only a few would be interested in, and you can decide better than I, as to what would interest. I also thought it would not be necessary to put in my picture as it appears in the faculty group, and as I do not continue President. But if mine goes in Dr. Hastings' also ought to go in. I can send mine if wanted.

As to Mr. Smith of Bombay. I rec'd an application from him nearly three years ago when we were coming home last time, and consulted several about it. Mr. Hitchcock who would be most affected by it as associate a Vice Principal, Mr. T. L. Smith, who is perhaps the most influential of the Directors, and Pastor Hunt, who takes the most interest, and is the most influential of the

Please not quote these opinions

Native Director, did not approve, Mr. Hastings would not like to make objections as it would seem as if he were working for the place for himself. I do not know Mr. J. Smith, and would make no objection if others favored, but I do not think that they will. I feel that Mr. Hastings is the man for the place. He has the confidence of the people, and is a safe man. Besides there ought to be some students for the ministry soon, and they ought to be at Batticotta, and Mr. Hastings is the only man for that. I should be very sorry to see any follower of the Higher Critics in that place, and it ought to be some one familiar with Tamil. Wishing you both a very Happy New Year, & with kind regards from us both

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

I. L. B.
Rec'd 1-1-98

New York
31st Dec 1897.

To the Members of the Prudential Committee of the A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sirs.

I herewith present the resignation of myself and wife as Missionaries of the American Board. It is with real regret that we do so, and if we did not feel assured that our Master leads us in the way that is best not only for us but also for his work, it would be very painful to us to give up the work that we had accepted for life, and which had become endeared to us by many ties.

We thank the Prudential Committee for all the kindness we have received in the past nearly twenty five years at their hands as agents for the churches in carrying on the Lord's work in foreign lands. Our interest in Foreign Missions and especially in Ceylon, will always be active, and we shall be glad to further the cause in any way we can, even though not directly connected with it,

With kind regards and Christian salutations
I remain yours sincerely
S. W. Howland.

New York,
Dec. 31, 97

1-5-98
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350 W 56th St. New York City
3d Jan. '98.

Dear Dr. Barton.

I thank you very much for your letter of the 1st and its enclosure, and for your kind words. We are glad to be still counted as Missionaries of the Am. Board. We began yesterday our work at Vermilye Chapel.

I send you a copy of my photo taken 1½ years ago. I have no photo of Dr. Hastings. Last July I borrowed one from his son Mr. Richard Hastings, the only copy he had, and I had made from it the cut which appears in the College Catalog, a copy of which I send, though I requested a dozen copies to be sent to you in Sept. The picture was not a great success. I think Mrs. Hastings in Hartford must have a copy, but I have not her address. You will find a copy of the Charter in this Catalog, but I think it is not necessary to put it in. The names of the Ceylon Directors are also given. I intended to put in some statements as to the routine of the College, prize funds etc. as well as some description of pictures, when it is decided how many more pages are wanted and what pictures are to go in. With reference to tuition fees I do not seem to have any later figures than '94-'95, tho I think I sent to you figures for '96-'97. In Mar. '95 the report was fees from the boys, including admission fees & tuition, (but not boarding) Rs. 5792. The cost of the native teaching staff was Rs 3305.50. The balance went

for building, repairs, furniture, etc, This was for about 170 students. The number is less now. The boarding is about 1½ times as much, and books several hundred rupees, over Rs. 2,000 in '95 I should say that the amt. paid by 150 students for everything is about Rs. 13,500, a year of which something over one quarter is received by them as aid.

I took the position of Principal in July 1889. But Dr. Hastings was kept nominally in the position until his death the next year, because the Directors wished him to have that position when the charter was passed, as they hoped it would be that year, though it was not secured until '94. It is not necessary to state all this, I think no one would be disposed to question it, if we said that I assumed the duties of Principal, July '89.

As I said before, you may make any changes you think best in what I have written, or I will make them for you if you will indicate what is wanted.

With kind regards and many thanks from us both

yours sincerely

J. W. Howland.

P.S. 4th Jan. In two letters just rec'd from Jaffna from Mr. Hitchcock, he says Mr. Elmer says he is not engaged. He also says "We need a Principal," & again "It seems necessary to us to have some one here." He would prefer Mr. Hastings, & I think the others there would also, but Mr. Hastings & Mr. Smith say that Uduvil ought not be left without a missionary. ⊕

New York, Jan. 3, '96

1-20-98

Rev. S. W. Howland, D.D.
350 W. 56th St New York
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19th Jan/98.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter of the 18th came to hand this morning. I did not know that you were in the city until I saw Miss Child & Miss Stanwood, from whom we had the pleasure of a call, or I would have tried to see you. With regard to the College pamphlet, I intended to mention among the scholarships the Scotch Bursaries something as on page 29 of the Ceylon pamphlet, giving the names of the principal donors, as there. It might be well to add also the names of those who gave half and quarter scholarships. I would perhaps have made the item more prominent, but the Misses Leitch have persistently refused to give me the addresses of the donors, while desiring letters from the beneficiaries to them to use in their own way. Thus I had no means of communicating with the donors as head of the College, directly interesting them in any way. I suppose that they added something to the endowment in Boston,

but it was never reported to me, and I know very little about it. The Ceylon pamphlet was finished after I left Jaffna, but in time for me to receive a few copies before leaving Ceylon. I supposed a package was sent to you as I believe I requested. I send now 10 copies, which you may give to the Trustees or others. With kind regards from us both, yours sincerely

S. W. Howland.

Rev. S. H. Howland, D.D.
350 W 56 st New York
22d Jan. '98. 154

1-24-98
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Dear Dr. Barton.

In your letter of yesterday you say. "There is nothing that we should do I believe, in regard to the appointment of a President." I think there is something that you can do, if you see the way to it. i.e. make it possible for Mr. Hastings to take the place. If there were any probability of their asking Mr. James Smith to the place, the only way would be to wait and let them do it, if you approve. But I do not think it at all likely, and I do think that they would appoint Mr. Hastings at once, if the way were open for him to leave Uduppitty. They have an idea in Jaffna that a Deputation of the Board is coming this year. If there were, it might be well to leave the matter until then. But if there is not the matter could be solved by appointing a new family to the Ceylon Mission, if it can be done. If it cannot be done

it would be well to inform them definitely of it. and possibly they might conclude to amalgamate the Udupitty Bdg School with Oodorville. the they would be very loath to do so. I advocated putting Mr. Elmer there, when I heard that he was engaged. Now I hear that he is not engaged, but possibly he may be in circumstances to remove that disability if the proposal were made that he go to Udupitty. If the Prud. Com. were willing to do it. I think it would be worth the while to make the proposal to him. I do not know of any special matter to bring before the Trustees next Thurs. unless it be my resignation but I suppose that is taken for granted. I have not sent my resignation to Jaffna. as I have been waiting to see what would be done about a successor but I think I shall not wait longer.

With kind regards from us both

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Rev. Dr. Hazard and D.D.
350 W 56 st New York
29th Jan. 98, 155

1-31-16
2-7-98

Dear Dr. Barton,

My plan in reference to Mr. Elmer was that he go to Uduppitty on the Mission, to release Mr. Hastings for the College to take my place, and that another young man be sent to take Mr. Elmer's place in the College. Mr. Elmer is a good man for the College, but he is a Rev. & would be good for the Mission if he had a wife. This would not be increasing the Mission force, but only exchanging one for another. In view of the fact that Mr. T. S. Smith expects to come home in a couple of months, it would only be a preventing of a serious reduction in the Mission force. I do not think that either of the Indian missions would spare a man for the College. If his place is not to be filled, unless it be Mr. James Smith, and I very much doubt if he is wanted in Jaffna. Before I left Mr. T. S. Smith with the permission of the Ceylon Mission wrote urging Mr. Hainbank

to come and at least make a trial of the pl
but the Mahratta Mission did not agree to it
Prof. Sanders of Yale wrote me proposing th
Prof. Wood of Smith College go to my place. O
many accounts he would be a good one. tho
I would not favor it, because of his views on
Bible. Yet if others thought it desirable I wo
not think that my opinion ought to stand in
way. I am of course interested, but I have no
to say who should or should not be my succes
Prof. Wood having been there and also being Dr. H
son-in-law would be decidedly in his favor
but in his case the request should come from Jaffna.

With kind regards from us both

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Rec'd 2-11-98

Rev. E. H. Howland D.D.
350 W 56 st New York.
9th Feb. '98. 156

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter with the proof came to hand yesterday. I could not return it at once. Mrs. Putnam was here on her way to rejoin her husband in India. She sailed this noon. Her husband has the offer of work in both the Danish Mission in So. India & in the Am. Canada Pres. Miss'n in Indore, with work for her also, and they seem likely to do as well as could be hoped. She goes I understand with her parents' approval. She was staying with us from Sat. I return the proof with a few corrections. I think it will do very well. I think that a little description of the pictures would be desirable, e.g. in connection with the picture of the sleeping room or the dining room. it should be mentioned that all the students are required to sleep and eat on the premises. It might be added if there is room that about one fourth of them are vegetarians either from

religious scruples - or habit, or preference, but they all eat in the same room, though having separate kitchens. Something should be said about the required half hour of gymnastic exercise every day, besides voluntary exercise in leisure hours and athletic sports are arranged for & contests with students of other institutions. The cost of the education would also be interesting. If you could tell me what pictures are to appear, & how much room there is if any, I would fill it out. About the dates you mention I have not data here to be very sure. The plan for a College was made in '23. the buildings were up in '25. I am not sure if the Col Seminary began that year or the next. I think it would be safe to put it 1825 – 1856 Batticotta Seminary. One statement says it lasted 30 yrs. another 32. The Deputation visited Ceylon in 1855, and the change was then arranged but I believe the Seminary was not actually closed until 1856. I do not think that the High School occupied these buildings at all, nor do I know when it began. But it must have been about 1857, for the account says the closing of the Seminary was soon followed by the establishment of the High School. I understood that the Training School only vacated the buildings just before the College began, which would be 1871, and I do not understand how this is consistent with the "twelve years" of the Legt, therefore I have changed it. If you want to put a

on the cover. I think it would be safe to say 1856–1871 Training School. I think it would be better to leave out dates of High School. It must have began about 1856-7 and still continues.

We are kept busy in our work in Vermilye Chapel, and it is going on well.

With kind regards from Mrs Howland

Yours sincerely

J. W. Howland

Rev. S. H. Howland, D.D.
350 W 56 St New York
2-16-98
15 Feb. 98 157

Dear Dr. Barton,

The College cuts came yesterday. I think they are very good. In the addition there should be a few changes. The College was organized in 1872, not 1873. I think the statement that I grew up with the work would convey a wrong impression as I was 16 years in America while growing up. Therefore I would prefer to have the sentence omitted beginning "He was born in Batticotta." or if you think best you might alter it to read, "He was born in Batticotta, and in going to the College he returned to his former home." Mr. R. C. Hastings has not assumed the temporary Principalship, so far as I have heard. He has been Treasurer of the College since I left in '95, but has no more to do with the College than them last year, though I wish he might. I think the whole sentence should be omitted. It might be well to insert in that Rev. R. C. Hastings acted for his father as Principal of the College during the latter's visit of

to America in '82 (?) I am not sure of the year
I find a little difficulty in writing about the p
times. as I have not the text in hand, and c
not remember just what is said, or just how
fit in anything. I suppose the cuts will b
distributed through the pamphlet, and it wou
be better if the description were also distributed
However I have written it continuously. Plea
omit all you consider unnecessary, and cha
it in any way you think best. I have pu
the numbers as those sent here were marked
If you do not have the same numbers, I thi
you will have no trouble in identifying them. B
in the text it might be better to refer to the pag
Mrs. Putnam's return to India was in accordan
with her intention when she returned to Ameri
She came in response to the urgent request of he
parents, hoping to make it all right with them
yet feeling uncertain whether she might not
overborne by them. She was by no means indifferen
to pressing her husband on the way, as we knew bein

her. We are glad she came with us, as we have learned to appreciate her Christian character. We think she is calculated to do good in India. She appreciated your kind letter to her. We cannot but be sorry for her, but she goes with good courage.

With kind regards from us both to Mrs. Dalton and yourself

Yours truly

S. W. Howland.

Description of the Cuts.

The College buildings are arranged in a quadrangle, with the gymnasium in the centre. Otley Hall is the two-storey building (seen ~~in no. 4~~) (no 4). ~~The Assembly Hall no 10~~ which contains on its lower ~~floor~~ the Assembly Room (seen ~~in no 10~~ (no 10) p —) and the laboratory. (no. 9) —) and four class rooms. The upper story is used as dormitories. ~~and~~ with two rooms for teachers. Just north of this, seen through the grove of coco-nut trees is the Office and Library (p —), and in the continuation of the same building live the American Professors. The President's house (p —) (no 5) is about 200 feet to the northeast of this, and faces the cricket and foot-ball ground which is at the right of the coconut grove. Page — (no 3) shows the south and westsides of the quadrangle. The two rooms nearest Hall are class-rooms. the next is the Y.M.C.A. dining room — and then follow seven sleeping rooms, accommodating from six to twenty students each. All the students are required to eat and sleep on the premises, and to study in the mainhall. 4½

hours each day ~~and~~ There is a gate on the cen
of the west side, and north of it is a room for th
water fillers. then the vegetarian kitchen. and
then the dining hall. (p—) where all the 15
students ~~dine~~ take their three meals together. T
food is boiled rice and curry. the variety bein
secured by different ingredients in the latter
The cooks, who serve the food are seen standin
against the wall on the left. On the north
are two more kitchens, the store room, wood ro
The southern part of the quadrangle is occupied
a coconut grove, and the northeastern part o
the banana garden, cultivated by the Y.M.C.
The foreground is bare rice fields, on which
heaped for fertilizing, old palm leaves, ta
from the thatch of dwelling houses. The bdl
buildings are covered with brick tiles, and thus no
liable to fire, with walls of coral stone laid in m
The group of students (p.—) (no 13) was taken in 1893 pr
before ~~Mr.~~ the leaving of Mr. Wallace who appears

he group (p-) no. 14 of alumni was taken Aug. 97 on
e day of the celebration of the 25th anniversary of
e College. just after the alumni dinner and speaking.
ose in European dress are mostly lawyers. Five of
e group are pastors, and three others trained for the min-
ry. On the wall of the Assembly room is seen the
roll of the Y.M.C.A. with the date of its beginning
n 1884. it being the first regularly organized
ollege Association in Asia. Beneath is the
ollege seal. with its motto "Jesus Christ, the
ight of Life." On the cover appears the
ate of entrance to the College premises. Beyond
e road is the large Dutch church in which
e students attend Sabbath services. and in
hich the plan for the College was first discussed
ublicly and decided upon. The banyan tree is no-
eable for the palm tree in its centre, the palm
e being there first, and ~~supporting~~ the banyan
arting as a seedling on its trunk 15 feet from
e ground. The students, as seen in the groups,

wear the national cloth from the waist to the ankles. and in addition are required to wear coats. The expenses are kept as low as possible consistent with the well being of the students. The tuition is about $10 a year for all the classes the boarding $16. a year. ~~Somewh~~ More than of the students receive aid amounting to one third or one half of their expenses.

Rev. J. W. Howland
350 W 56 St New York
21st Feb. '98.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-24-98
Ans'd

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Dear Dr. Barton

I return the proof rec'd this morning, with a few slight corrections. In p. 15. the statement "its language is Tamil", would be understood to mean that the instruction is in Tamil, whereas the teaching is all in Eng. As I have corrected it, it does not read very smoothly, but I did not feel at liberty to alter the lines. If convenient you might change the sentence so as read smoothly. I rather judge the space left blank as on pages 12, 15 + 17, but I suppose it is too late to add any thing now. I think the pamphlet will do nicely, if the pictures come out as well as they do the cards — With kind regards from us both,

yours sincerely

J. W. Howland.

Rev. S. W. Howland, D.D. 54
350 W 56th st New York.

3-17-98
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16th Mar. '98. 160

Dear Dr. Barton

Your letter of the 14th came to hand yesterday. I think the College pamphlet is quite satisfactory. I shall send in a few days list of those to whom I would like it sent. Prof. Frank Sanders of Yale says he can make good use of 25 copies. Kindly send them to him. I thank you very much for all the trouble you have taken with the publication. With reference to Miss Myers. I and my wife think it would be well to urge her to remain, mentioning the necessity of having someone in that place, and the difficulty of getting a suitable one to take her place, and the scarcity of funds as reasons, and yet giving her permission to return if she feels it necessary, and if the Mission consents. With kind regards from both

yours sincerely S. W. Howland.

Rev. S. M. Newman & S. S.
350 W 56th Place
Chicago,
16th Mar. '98.

Dear Mr. Owen

You will find in Constitution
Chapter I, Article III of College Constitution
that certain officers are to be chosen
annually, which would include at least
President, Business Manager, Secretary
and Treasurer, as well as perhaps the general
Manager. Kindly bear this in mind
when you are here later with the Publication
Committee. I think you may count on Mr Mayne's
being with us, & I hope he will be able to remain
a year, and the difficulty of getting a suit
on a date for Mr Mayne, and the necessity of
his being here, and yet giving the Commencement
Week of the Seminary, one of the
busiest weeks, will be obviated.

Yours sincerely, S. M. Newman

Confidential

16th Mar. 98. 161

Dear Dr. Barton

I might add a little about Mrs Myers, which I would rather say than write, and which you will please destroy, & not repeat to others. I should say that it is better for her to remain if she thinks she can, yet I think she has fully made up her mind to return. She says she only expected to remain five years when she went out. She is impulsive and erratic, and given to making extravagant statements, so that one hardly knows just what she means. I think that she was in some way disappointed either in the work or in herself, and she works with a sort of feverish recklessness. Then she has been very much disturbed in her religious views. All together have produced a state of nervous tension, which is near a break down. She never gave much time to the study of the language, so that altho she uses it in ordinary affairs when necessary,

she does not I think use or understand it in
continuous discourse. While my sister was
this country, Miss Myers introduced some ne
into the Bdg. School, which while not especia
objectionable, yet coupled with her manner, ca
a good deal of feeling against her. Just b
we left anonymous letters were sent to all
leading Christians at all the stations ma
charges against her, which many believed ha
a foundation in fact, altho it was a gross mis
resentation. Nevertheless she shares in the gene
regard of the people for the American missionaries.
I think has many friends among the people.
She has said she would do no religious teach
but I think that is one of her extravagant spe
or spoken on the impulse of the moment. I b
she does good there, and would be glad to
her stay if she thinks she can.

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Rev. J. W. Howland, D.D. 162
3-29-98
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350 W 56 st. New York

28 Mar 98.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have been looking for the other copies of pamphlet which you said you were sending, but they have not come. I think I would like 25 more here.

My nephew who works for the Church News has asked if I could get the cuts of the Faculty and College group, the Buildings fr. S.W. & the house for use in an article in the Times. If they can be sent kindly let me know.

We keep busy & well. With kind regards

yours sincerely

J. W. Howland.

L. B.
11-12-98

Rev. J. W. Howland, D. D. 163
350 W 56 st New York.
11 Apr. 98

Dear Dr. Barton,

I waited to answer your letter of Mar. 30th to see my nephew. and then was quite busy. He said that he did not expect to get anything for the article, but intended to write it in the interests of the College, for the supplement to the "Times" which uses half tones. but he will consult & report again.

I think it would be an excellent thing if Mr. Holton would join the Jaffna Mission, if the Madura Mission consents, which I did not suppose at all probable.

With kind regards from us both

yours sincerely

J. W. Howland.

I. L. B.
11-12-98

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350 W 56 st New York.

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J. W. Howland.

Rev. S. W. Howland

350 W 56th St New York City.

8th Aug. 98

Rec'd Aug 11 98

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Dear Dr. Barton,

I was glad to know from your letter of the 3d inst that Mr. St John had given over the fund. He called on me about six weeks ago to ask if I thought the trustees would be willing to take the fund on such conditions, so as to make sure of it, and save inheritance tax. I told him that I was sure that they would gladly do so. He did not mention the amount, but I have understood for some years that it was $50,000. Perhaps that is the nominal value of the hundred shares. If the income is immediately available, that brings up the question as to what use to make of it for the benefit of the College. I suppose it will give an income of $2000 per year, will it not. I think that the College needs a President

I am sure that it cannot but be losing ground as it is now, and rapidly. In order to maintain its missionary charac[illegible] I feel certain that the President should [illegible] a Missionary of some experience. Mr. Wall[illegible] has been suggested. But as he was junior to [illegible] Hitchcock in College work in Jaffna, it wou[illegible] be hard for Mr. Hitchcock. Moreover he ho[illegible] with the higher critics, and I should be [illegible] sorry to have him take the place on that [illegible] count. Mr. Wood of Northampton is older in experience and there would not be the same degree of objection on that ground, but the other objection is [illegible] same in my mind. He has however the [illegible] vantage of being Dr. Hastings' son-in-law [illegible] The only other possible plans seem to me [illegible] to either put Mr. Hastings in the place, or s[illegible] out a new man from this country. The la[illegible] would need to be a very rare man to m[illegible] up for his total lack of experience in [illegible]

mission field. The only objection to Mr. Hastings is the giving up of the Adupplitz station. But that objection is easily met if the Board send out a new man for the place. This does not add expense to the Board, since Mr. Hastings' salary will come from the College. Mr. Hastings has been objected to as not being an eminent scholar, but he is quite scholar enough for the place, and his other qualifications in every respect are so greatly superior to those of any other possible candidate, that in my mind there is no question as to the importance of putting him into the place, and at once. The last accts the College was getting demoralized, partly by the strange delay in getting the returns from the University examinations and in part by Mr. Hitchcock's yielding to the Mizen Lawitch's demand for bonds from the boys, a demand which I always strenuously resisted. It is true the majority of the Directors voted for it.

but they would not have done so if he had
objected. Of course if the Trustees here or the
Directors there either of whom might initiate
action, wish to put in one of those I have men-
tioned I shall make no objection, but I
have expressed my opinion. I feel sure that
if the College staff is not at once strengthened
the College will rapidly lose ground. It is a
critical time as it seems to me, and it is not
saying anything against those who are carrying
on the work under difficulties. Mr. Hastings
expected that the Directors would ask Mr. Hitch-
cock to be President, but they did not. which
shows that they both divine & expect some one
You speak of the money as "David Poor Memorial"
I feel sure it must be "Daniel Poor, in memory
of Mr. St John's father the founder of Battle
Seminary. Some time since you asked me
the address of Mr. Putnam. I think that
a letter addressed as follows would reach

Mrs. Mary Irwin Putnam M.D.
Care of Mr. S. C. L. Putnam
Colombo. Ceylon.

We have just been spending five weeks at Clifton Springs Sanitarium in Mrs. Stone's enlarged room. My wife suffered much from the heat, but I think was on the whole benefited. We met many pleasant friends. We have now begun our work for another year in Vernilye Chapel. I believe I have written before what I have said above about Mr. Hastings. But this donation puts the matter in a new light, and removes the only objection as it seems to me, and the state of affairs seems to make it imperative. I hope also you are finding some one to take Miss. Myers' place. That is necessary not only to prevent injury to the work, but to keep my sister from breaking down. {Could you not ask our sister Miss Green of Green Hill Worcester.}

With kind regards from us both

yours sincerely
S. W. Howland.

8-13-98
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Rev. S. W. Howland
350 W 56th st
New York City,
12 Aug '98.

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Dear Dr. Barton,

It is true that the President or Principal of the College is appointed by the Directors in Jaffna, but nevertheless they are rather dependent on Boston. I feel sure that Mr. Hastings would have been appointed last year if the Mission had been willing to let Uduppitty be vacated. If the Prud. Com. will write to them that a family will be sent to take his place at Uduppitty I think if wanted I think that would settle the matter. If at the same time the Boston Trustees should write that the support of another man has been provided and that they think it desirable a Principal be appointed, and that as they understand the matter they think Mr. Hastings would be a suitable one. I think that would make it more sure. I know that Mr. Hastings is one whom

the Misses Leitch do not care for, but I
not see what else can be done. I believe the
Mr. Hastings is not anxious for the place, an
if you write about it, it might be well to wr
to Dr. Scott, who is now one of the Directors
When I sent the Directors my resignation
this year I suggested Mr. Hastings as my
cessor. He read my letter of resignation to
but omitted that part referring to himself.
When I urged it last year Mr. Smith said he did
think the Mission ought to be sacrificed for the
I think it a great pity to have the Mission sac
ficed, yet I consider the need and importance
the College greater than of that station. But
Mission will be very unwilling to let him go.
some one is not sent in his place. I think
he is without question the man for the pl
& I sincerely hope some one can be sent s
to release him for it. With kind regards
us both, yours sincerely L. W. Heaviland.

350 W 56th St New York City,
29 Aug 98 166

Rec'd 8-30-98
11-17

Rev. S. W. Howland

Dear Dr. Barton

I did reply at once to your letter because I did not know what to say. I feel pretty sure that they will take no action in Jaffna unless some one is sent to take Mr. Hastings' place at Udupitty. If Mr. H. goes to Batticotta to the College, the Mission as such will be reduced to very small proportions. The Doctors have their hands full of medical work, and cannot give much time to other work. Tho of course they do some of it, and my sister will be the only one of the mission there. The Doctors are supposed to be provided for by other than the Board's general funds. This is bringing the Mission down pretty low. I hope that some one will be sent very soon to be with my sister. The strain of being alone in such a large school will cause her to

break down very soon I fear.
With kind regards from both
yours truly
S. W. Howland.

Rev. S. H. Howland, D.D.
350 W 58 st New York City.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 11-16-98
Ans'd 17

15 Nov. 98.

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Dear Dr. Barton.

I rec'd recently a letter Mr. Hitchcock wrote after hearing of the gift to the College. He asks if I cannot help to secure a man. and says they need one much & Mr. Hastings would be the best one. I also had a letter from Mr. Hastings, he said that the native Directors would not be willing to have him go to the College unless there were some one to take his place in the Mission. Now that the Bd has decided as last month, that there is to be no more retrenchment, would it not be possible to persuade the Prud. Com. to send some one to take Mr. Hastings' place. It would not be increasing the expenditure. and I see no other

way to prevent serious loss to the College. The results of the Examinations last Mar. were on the whole encouraging, but they were not what they should be. The number keeps up pretty well, but it seems to be done too much by lowering the standard of admission as there is always a tendency to do. Of course you will please not quote this opinion as I may be mistaken. My wife's health is improving with the cooler weather, so that she added a missary meeting yesterday & one today for Dr. Thompson's Gadsden.

With kind regards

yours very truly

J. W. Howland

Rev. S. W. Howland, D.D. 168

11-25-98
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350 W 56th St New York City
22d Nov. 98

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have to thank you for your letter of the 17th. I think it very necessary that Mr. Hastings go to the College because there is no one else who could go there, who is a missionary with experience and I feel sure that he would do well. I consider the College the most important part of the work, and I think that ought to be maintained at its best efficiency at all costs. But I feel strongly that his place in the Mission should be filled. You see that his removal would leave the Mission almost without missionaries. Dr. Scott is supported on special funds I believe, and he has to give most of his time to medical work, though he looks after the Manippy station, but could not very well take the charge of any other station. Mr. Holton is temporarily taking Mr. Smith's place. If Mr. Smith

(neither he nor Mrs. S. is well at present)

es not return, it would be difficult for
. Holton and Dr. Scott to look after the
ole Mission, even if the Madura Mission
ned to his remaining which would be
ubtful. Mr. Hastings can take some ovu-
ght of stations in addition to the Batticotta
ation which I had. But he will have
take a furlough in a couple of years.
he College will get on during his absence
well as it is doing now and perhaps
etter, for a year and a half. But the
Mission ought not to be left so short handed
that, even if Mr. Smith goes back.
he work of course would go on, but it
ould suffer. The pastors can look after
their churches, but would be able to do but
ttle aggressive work unless guided by the
missionaries. The village schools are a very
mportant part of the work. The pastors and
elpers have for some time done most of the
upervising of them, but I believe the Govt
equires Missionary managers and they

ave to correspond and take all the respon-
bility, which for 140 schools & 9 or 10 000
hildren involves a great deal of work.
e manager has to guarantee 100 days of
ttendance & nine months, during certain
pecified hours of each day, and no one can
e implicitly trusted. Mr. Hastings felt it
ecessary to spend a half day in each school
ch month. Of course I did not do as much
that while I was in the College, in my
early 40 schools, but considerable time
as required. There are about 300 teachers
n these schools. I allowed the pastors and
eachers helpers to pay them, but a great deal
oversight was necessary. In our Jaffna mission field
bout 1 in 90 is a church member. If we
ount nominal Christians we may say
e in 50 is a Christian, or 2 per cent.
he churches would have a struggle to keep
heir own flock from the wolves, if they do
ot have the missionaries' help. But there
as been such an enormous amount of per-

though I believe the Madura and Mahratta Missions do. Mr. Hastings is conservative, perhaps too much so, but he is safe and wise. It is well to consider the need. Last year there were 18 churches and 18 pastors, but one was in the College, another in the Training School, another unable to officiate for 10 years, and a fourth has since died. So there are four churches without pastors, and there are three or four churches about ready to organize, and seven pastors will be needed within two years, aside from the fact that four more pastors are likely to break down or retire very soon. One was ordained 43 years ago, another 40, and the other two have been in service even longer than that; so that a dozen will be needed within five years, and if the work progresses as it might be expected to do, half a dozen more yet. Not more than

ratory work done that the work of a
ssionary will count in results most
obably more than almost anywhere in
e Mission field, and the loss would be
re than almost anywhere. You can see
hat the feeling of those in the field is as
the importance of keeping up the Missi
ork, when they are unwilling to give
r. Hastings up to the College without a
ccessor in the field, even though the
llege the most important branch is suf-
ring seriously. I do hope that the
mmittee will see their way to sending
me one to take Mr. Hastings' place.
rof. Wood, Dr. Hastings' son-in-law would be
good one for the College if the College alone
ere concerned. But the President of the Colleg
ght to be the authority theologically
r the Mission and to teach theology
hen occasion offers. Prof. Wood sides with
he Higher Criticism, and I should be sorry
o see the Mission take that ground in Jaffna.

are the others to come from? Possibly one or two might be got from Madura. But I do not think that the men from there would get along in Jaffna, or be acceptable to the churches. Nor are our young men as a rule willing to go there to be taught, nor would I wish it as at present. If Mr. Hastings has for the Mission the charge of the Batticotta station which has nearly one third of the whole Mission in population, schools and churches, and also teaches a Theol. Class, and is Treas & Sec. for the Mission, he will not have a very great deal of time to give to the College proper, to say nothing of the rest of the Mission. I suppose a theol. class would not be taken just yet, and perhaps could wait until after Mr. H's furlough, but not longer, and even that would be with loss to the churches. With kind regards from us both, yours sincerely J. W. Cleveland.

Rev. S. H. Howland,
2-10-99
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350 W 56 St. New York.
9th Feb. '99.

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Dear Dr. Barton,

I am wondering if you are yet on the track of any one for Jaffna. I should think that some of the many student volunteers offering might be suitable. If you have not found anyone I think that it would be well to write to the President of Auburn Theol. Sem. Mr. Hastings is from there, and he is now the senior missionary on the field in Jaffna, and would welcome one from Auburn. And besides it seems to me that one from there would be safer from there than from elsewhere, and less likely to be a disturbing element theologically. I think that if applied to, the professors there would be likely to know of some suitable one, who would be willing and whom they

could recommend. It would be very desirable that some one be secured in time so that it could be known in Jaffna by May or sooner even if he was not able to go until later. Mr. Hastings could then be elected as Principal of the College at the annual meeting, to move to Batticotta when his successor arrives at Uduppitty. I hope too that you have secured a successor for Miss Myers. I have not heard from Mr. Smith for several weeks. How is he getting on? We were very sorry to hear the decision of the doctors, but hope that the later efforts at staying the progress of the disease are succeeding. My wife and both had the grippe in the Dec. which has been very prevalent here and were confined to the house for two weeks, and suffered the effects for several weeks after, but are well again now. We are getting on well in our work and

enjoy it. But we find that we are not able to live on what we are paid $113. per mo. The church has heretofore found it difficult to raise more for the Mission, which costs in all nearly $6000 per year. The coming of Dr. Mackay may put a new face on matters, though it is too soon yet to know. If they cannot do more for us, I think we must look for some other place. Moreover as I have just passed the 50 year line, it will be increasingly difficult from year to year, to either secure or hold any position, and I think I ought to be able to lay up a little for the future. I prefer the ministry, either preaching or religious teaching, I believe the Lord will supply all our need, and show where he wants us to work, and yet I suppose we must at least keep our eyes open to see if he opens any door or points any way. If you see any place that you think would be suitable I wish

Rev. S. H. Howland, D.D. 170
350 W 58th St
New York City.
9th Mar. '99.

3-10-99
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Dear Dr. Barton,

I think it is only right that the appropriation which Mr. Hastings suggests should be made. I always thought that Mr. Hitchcock ought to have the same salary as a missionary - But as he managed to live on $1000. and made no complaint I said nothing. Now that he has two children, his expenses will be more, and he certainly ought to have more. I presume that the $300. which Mr. Hastings asks is for the house in which Mr. Hitchcock lives. At one time repairs were made on that house by

some money sent by Mr. Stephen
At other times the slight repairs
needed every year were met by the
local income. If $300. is needed
it ought to come from the Am. funds
income. I think because the local
income would not be sufficient.
If he refers to the house which we
occupied it must be that the roof
is considered unsafe. There were
some slight suggestions of that
before we left. That house has also
been repaired by the Mission, but
if the College has more available
funds than the Mission it would
be right for the College to meet it
because it is used for the College

President. As to the other proposal you will perhaps remember that the Wifers Ln started the plan in Jaffna after we came to this country about four years ago. The principal object, as I understood it was to have a Union College the three Missions furnishing instructors. I did not think that I could work satisfactorily with the others and the other advantages of moving did not seem to me to justify the outlay. Although they agreed to raise the money. I know that Mr. Smith favored the plan, and I think the Wesleyan Mission did but not the Church Mission. The native Directors I believe were willing to be guided by the Missions.

It is true that the water at Batti-
cotta is a little hard and slightly
brackish, but I think the general
health of the students was as good
there as anywhere else, and there
there was a tendency to skin disease.
I do not think that in the minds of
the people it is a serious objection
nor need it make much trouble if
carefully guarded against. As
you say the initiative should
come from Ceylon. If the Directors
ask it, the Trustees here might
take it into consideration. I say
the income of the Am. fund will
all be needed at present, and some
might be reserved for new buildings
when they are needed. It is not
expected that it be used for the

payment of native teachers and there is no likelihood of any request for that. For myself I did not like the plan of moving the College, but considerable may be said in its favor, and if Mr. Hastings, or whoever may be at the head of the College, decidedly favors it and is backed by the Directors, then it would be well to accede to it.

With kind regards from us both

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

Rev. S. W. Howland, D.D.
350 W 56th St
New York City.
22d Mar. '99.

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Sent Mar. 23
C. N. C.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-23-99
Ans'd

Dear Dr. Barton,

I was glad to hear that the Trustees saw fit to vote those items. I hope that the young lady for Cadoxville will be ready to go soon, and the family for Udupipitty. Will you kindly send me a dozen more of the College pamphlets. Nothing new has developed here as to our remaining a learning - but something should be decided by the end of next month if possible. I thank you for your kind offer to do any thing you can. I hear that Dr. Noble of Norwalk Conn. is soon to leave.

If you think it well, perhaps
you might suggest my name
We are both in pretty good health
With kind regards from us both
yours sincerely
P. W. Howland

Rev. S. W. Howland, D.D.
350 W 30 St.
New York City
10 Apr. '99.

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Rec'd B. B. 4-11-99
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Dear Dr. Barton,

I was glad to learn that you have such promising candidates for Jaffna and hope that they will be able to go. But I am a little concerned as to the state of affairs in Jaffna. I received a letter recently from Mr. Hastings, from which I enclose two cuttings. He is naturally sensitive about taking any action in reference to himself - which would seem like putting himself forward. Dr. Scott would act, but he has not been on the Board of Directors long, and has not got into the way of taking the lead. Possibly Mr. Hitchcock might bring up the matter, but even he would not push it, altho he wrote

that he wished Mr. Hastings could be there. I suppose Mr. Smith would favor Mr. Wood. and he would seem to be a most suitable one except that he is an advocate of the Higher Criticism theories. and I should be sorry to see him there as Theological Instructor. The difficulty about sending some other man from here for the College would be his lack of experience. and putting him over Mr. Hitchcock with his experience. But it might do if he was an exceptional man. I do not know what Mr. Hastings means about Mr. Elmer. He has written before in about a vague a way. as if he were not altogether satisfactory. I sta

hope that it may be arranged for Mr. Hastings. but I doubt if you can get a cablegram befor the latter part of May. The Directors' meeting will probably be early in May. and if your letter reaches them befre that it may possibly be settled at once. But if the letter is after the meeting and no action is taken at the meeting then a circular will have to be sent. wh. will probably develop a difference of opinion. and perhaps require the calling of a meeting after a couple of weeks. It is not pleasant for Mr. Brown to be kept in uncertainty. but I dont think he needs very elaborate preparations for outfit from here. Nearly

everything can be got there nearly as well. He will want a carriage or the materials for one. an organ at least a baby-organ - and a bicycle if he is specially fond of one - He can probably get all he needs to get here in a week or 10 days. but they ought not to start later than June 1st unless they wait until Sept. 1. I have heard nothing from Norwalk and have no more light here as to future - Kind regards from us all

Yours truly

L. W. Howland.

several are
anxious to have Wood come
In fact Sir William told
me last week that Dr Paul
said that Mr Wood was
coming. So as far as our
going to the Col. is concern-
ed we are no nearer
settlement than before.
Something may be done in
Directors meeting in May.
In the meantime I hope
when the time expired,
whitewasher &c ready for
occupancy. We have

put up in front. Also we are getting put round the room overhead to keep out the bats. Well think it will cost Rs 500 altogether but I have asked Dr B for Rs 300 from College money for this purpose. It will cost all that. Now that the College has lost its legacy for new buildings (so we hear) Leith wants the Hunt is no use letting building

With regard to College Presidency I know of one native director who has written Miss L for a man from America & there may be others. I am too conservative to suit such men as Dr Paul, Newman, Weather Chamberlain.

next to the window. It is
a great improvement. The
Hallins go to Kodai in
March; the Hilliards
nowhere. Mr Elmer I do
not know about - I don't be
surprised at any news you
may hear of him.
P.S. - [illegible] it ... wh

350 W 56th St 173
New York City,
22d May '99.

Dear Dr. Daniels.

Some three years ago
hen something was said about
n going to Portland, you said
at Mr. Liscomb could do some-
ing for us in the matter of tickets.
e are expecting to spend the
onth of July at "Minnie's Seaside
est" for Missionaries, at Old
rchard, Maine, which is near
rtland. Do you think it would
e well for me to write to Mr.
iscomb about tickets. We
em to be staying on where we have

been My wife is pretty well n
though she has recently been su
fering from a small abscess on
forh. With kind regards fr
us both to Mrs. Daniels & yourse
yours sincerely

J. W. Haviland

Rev. S. W. Loveland

New York City

May 22. 1899

MAY 23 1899

Rev. S. W. Howland, D.D.
350 W 56 st
New York City

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22 May 99.

Dear Dr. Barton,

We were very glad to get the news from Jaffna, and believe it will be just the thing for the College. I was beginning to fear that it might not be brought about. We also hear good reports of Mr. Elmer. I saw Mrs. Jones of the Madura Mission for a few moments last Monday. As she is to be in Oberlin she will be able to give Miss Pendleton all the suggestions she will need as to outfit, etc. We hear nothing of any opening for work other than

the place where we are, and it
seems likely that we shall continue
here for the present, and that we
shall get along in some way.
We enjoy the work, and I have
good health. My wife is just re-
covering from a small abscess on
the foot, which was quite painful.
She seems to be improving in health.
With kind regards from us both
to Mrs Barlow and yourself

Yours sincerely

S. W. Howland

JUN 30 1899
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Rev. S. H. Howland
Minnie's Seaside Rest.
Old Orchard Beach
Me -
29 June 99.

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Dear Dr. Barton

Your letter of the 27th has just reached me. We have come here for our month's vacation, and find it a delightful place. Mr. Stutson was at Pasumalie College in Madura, and Mrs. Jones who is now at Oberlin could tell you all about him I presume as I believe he was in her family. I met him on the Hills once a time and he also visited Mr. Hitchcock in Jaffna. So far as I knew him or knew of him. I would say that

he is a very suitable one f
the place you speak of. I thi
he was in Madura in Mr. Gutteri
time. and he could tell you of hi
but I am not sure. I suppose
you know about this home for tie
missionaries. and Christian worke
It is beautiful air. and the cha
is only $4. per week. Mrs. Wheele
and daughter are expected in a fe
days. With kind regards —

Yours truly

J. W. Howland

Mrs. S. H. Howland

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Mrs S. W. Howland
Care Judson
New York
Mar 17th/96

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-17-96
Ans'd 17

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Dear Dr Barton

You will be sorry to hear that my husband had a bad fall on the Ice, which has caused some trouble he has had a high fever since Saturday evening, the Dr comes twice a day. the Temparature yesterday was 104° this morning is nearly 103, it has kept up steadily the Dr advised me to write Mr Swett to delay sending our goods till he has further word from us. When we can, we will send Invoice

Will you kindly give the
message to Mr Swetti,
ask him to send me
a memo of boxes rec'd
for us - that I may see
if all is right. With kind
regards to Mrs Barlow
& yourself, also to all
the Home workers at the Roop
& beseeching you all to
pray for us at this time
I am yours truly
Mary E. K Howland

Mrs. S. 38 W. East 70th St
New York
Mar 28th 1896

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-30-96
Ans'd 4-2

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Yours truly
Mary E. Howlands

Dr Barton

Many thanks
for your two kind letters
sympathy. Dr Cruegan
is more than a brother
to us in these sad days
My husband is doing
as well as we could hope
for, with Typhoid fever
running its usual course
the Drs say that next week
will be the most trying
time. he suffers much
distress. but the Lord
has kept his mind perfectly

Char. I am kept quie
& hopeful, because God
people everywhere ar
praying for us. Oh I pray tha
next week they may be
more earnest than ever
praying for that dear frie
life, & for me too, though I a
to be walking in the dar
yet - I do see the Light o
God's dear face all the
way. And my husban
seems just like a little
child, asks no questio
but let his hand rest
the hand of the lovin
Father - is very gratef
for all that is done f
him. God forever bless t
A.B.C.F.M. for all their kind
to us. Kind love to Miss Bas

C. H. D.
4-6-96

Mrs. Mary Foxland 58 East 70th St
New York
Mar 31st - 1896
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Mrs Daniels

Dear friends, two
very kind & sympathizing
letters from you to day,
for both I am truly grateful
service during his sickness
you has said "I was glad
to see Charles Daniels
the other day". The days & nights
have been full of fears, distress,
weariness. It has been
a comfort to know that so
many of God's people are
praying for us. Tho there
has been much distress to day
yet Temperature is better, only
99° to night. & the Drs. speak
very hopefully & think that

in five or six days, if no
set back comes, we may
hope for very good resu
we are so grateful for the
Presbyterian Hospital, Dr
nurses, & every body here
they are so very kind, it
a great comfort to me to
have our sister with me
she & I are allowed in
the sick room, we take
turns watching & fanning
the dear patient. It comfor
him to have us there
oh pray specially that
mercy, that his dear precio
life may be spared for G
Glory. Prayers are being answ
ful it. I am kept so quiet
the fathers love, I am full of gratitu

n only with
rried note

Mrs 38 Howland 70th St
East
New York City
April 1st 1896

J. L. B.
Rec'd 4-2-96
Ans'd

r James Burton

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Dear friend, I wrote
you a few days ago have
not rec'd a reply. I am
sure you will be glad to
hear that my husband is
doing as well as we could
hope. everything is being
done for him in the best
way, & the Lord is blessing
the means used, I feel sure
that I can send very good
news of him in a few days
Dr's & nurses are most
kind, & faithful. I would
be grateful if you would
write a few words to Dr Fisher

Supt. of Hospital & regu
if you please, what I ha
said of their loving fait
care of my husband, f
on praying for us. God is so go
to hear & answer!
M Howla
I enclose a letter rec
day from our much love
missionaries, these are stric
private letters, but I tru
you as a brother. wil
you read & return a
once. Thinkingly spirit
about the "Cut" I thought
you would like to know a
The Drs Scott a blessed pa
& so are the Hastings.
of course is for you alo
as our Fos. &c. do not ke
this part of the letter
M Howlan

Written 5-6-96

the terrible distress is gone and the patient is comfortable, tho too weak to raise head or hand. takes nourishment thro a tube. Easter, the happiest in my life, because my dear one looked a little bit like himself, greeted me with a smile when I went in yesterday morning. Oh do keep on praying, the dear Father has been mercifully good all the way, we must be hard till restored health is given. It will be I feel sure

but the surgeons to be in [illegible] of fever there

38. E. 70th St.
New York
Apr. 6th, 1896

J. L. B.

Rec'd 4-8-96
Ans'd

Darton

Did you receive a letter written a day or so before the one sent with Drs Scott letters I wrote you about my husband, the fever, &c. I ask because you do not speak of receiving it, & I felt anxious because I intrusted it to someone to mail it for me. I should like to know if it reached you. The Crisis not yet passed, but Temperature is going steadily down

but the doctors seem to be insured of your success
Dear Nothing
things so hard for
it is "large lot
Home" Dr Lane
was 13 Dr Lane
our minister regards
you as a very
Library

Mrs. Mary E. K. Howland 38 East 70th St
New York
Apr 9th 1896

J. L. B.
Rec'd 4-11-96
Ans'd 11

Rec'd.

Dear Dr Barton

I have just come from the sick room. She has had sleeping powder is quite comfortable for fever patient, does not lift head from the pillow at. The Temperature dropped 100° this morning it is 8 points higher to night, that we must expect. Altogether she is doing well. The fever has not all gone yet. 8 this 26th day. I think Drs will have to help decide about the when

God forever bless the American Board for all they have done for me & mine in these sad days. Love to Mrs Barton & grateful love from us both to you for your kind interest in us.

Very truly yours

Mary E. K Howland

Mrs S. W.)

My sister is anxious to return to Ceylon as soon as good escort can be found. Is it true that three Jemmy ladies have

for your return to our old
Jaffna. I think a stay
in Longyone the place
that did so much for
me, last summer, and
pretty much cured my
husbands knee is the
place for us to try aga
when my husband gets
well enough to be move
I thank you very much
for your kind letter It
is a great comfort to be ass
of the continued prayerfu
interest of friends. do pra
that recovery may be sim
& sure, so that God may be
glorified thereby".

J. L. B.
Rec'd 9-15-96
Ans'd

Mrs. S. H. Howland
38 East 70th St
New York
Apr 14th 1896

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Dear Dr Barton

I am very happy to tell you that my husband is getting on very well - tho he does not raise his head from the pillow, & takes nourishment through a tube. on the 30th day, temperature ran down to 99½°, & there it stays. there is evidence of stones coming, & the nurse says that may take 3 or 4 yrs again. otherwise all going well, & the Drs speak

encouragingly about our
being able to go to Lucknow that
Co. about June 1st. Say if all
goes well, we may hope
to get away to Ceylon the
last of Aug or 1st of Sept.
I thank you for your
letters, they are so kind.
Will you kindly tell
Dr Daniels what I have
written, I will write
him soon. My husband
has needed to be fanned
hours at a time, I am
too tired to write after.
Thank dear friends for
their prayers. ask them
to continue till the Cur
comes. Accept our grateful

J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-4-96
Ans'd

183 S. E. 70th Street
New York St
May 2nd /96

Mrs. S. W. Rowland

Dr Barton

Dear Friend

My husband was able to hear your kind letter of Apr 29th. he wishes me to say thank you for letter, with its brotherly messages, & also asks that you will thank Pres. Com. for their words of sympathy & for their note to continue our allowance while we are to remain in this Country & ask that they will add to their love, & kindness their prayers, that recovery may be swift & sure so if God wills that we may go back

is wonderfully manifested to me in these days, providing for all my needs. God bless the A. B. C. F. M. for its loving care of us, its fellow workers. You all will send us off rejoicing to take up the glad service beside you, for the dear Master in that dark land where light is breaking through - soon we hope that Christianity will rule kind love to Mrs Barton and our united love to all the home workers. Yours gratefully

(Mrs. L. W.) Mary E. K. Howland

to dear old Jaffna in
the early Fall, we dare no
make plans, but we long
to go, when God says we ma
To day ends the 7th week
of the fever, & my husband
not yet allowed to sit up
Dr said yesterday "when Temp
-rature keeps below the li
three days, we will let you
sit up in bed" While Dr H.
really slowly improving
waiting time seems long
to sister & I. We do thank
you for keeping her here
tho the work rests her so
much. When she proposed
going, I said yes, but I wa
her ok so much in these
days. The goodness of the Lor

Mrs. S. M. Howlands 58 E 70th St
New York S
May 18th 1896

J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-29-96
Ans'd 29

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Dear Dr Barton

I am thankful to report my husband as about well, he with me went to church yesterday, the Drs think we can leave for Luzerne on Wednesday or Thurs. His recovery seems almost miraculous, it has been so rapid. Prayers have availed, I do thank everyone who have prayed for us.

God bless you all we hope to leave for Luzerne on Thurs. if nothing unforeseen

occurs. Now ask for us that we may, if God please go back to dear old Jaffna in Sept.; we dare not make plans, till we know His Will. Kind remembrances to everybody at the Rooms, Especially to Friday Meeting.

truly Yours

Mrs S. W. M. E. K Howland

350 W. 56 St
N.Y.
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Dec 17th 1898

Dr C. H. Daniels
Boston

Dear Dr Daniels

Your letter
Dec 14th inquiring about
the Liscomb School came
to hand this morning. It
found us both ill with
Bronchitis which has
followed "Grippe". We both
have been ill for ten days
I am better, but Sam
has been quite ill to day,
& not able to attend to
chapel duties. Dr Coe
has been most kind
in providing for the services

interest in Christianity that could not have been roused in any other way. We are very sorry for our friend, Mr Liscomb's trouble, & regard both Mr & Mrs Liscomb as our friends, because of their interest in us & in our Ceylon work. Our sincere regards to them. Holiday greetings to you & yours from us both. Sincerely yours

Mary E. K Howland

Mrs. S. H. Howland

New York

Dec 17. 1898

I trust — we may have
some fair weather next
week & we be able to get out
of doors. As to the Lisson
School it — is now in Dr
Scott's care, and at last
accounts was prospering
Dr Scott & wife are faithful
in looking after its
best interest — Do you
know whether money
was sent for it — last
year & the year before
I am very glad Mr Sh
will look after it in
memory of his dear daugh
it — is in quite a Methodist
district, & has been the
mean of awakening an

350 W 56th St
N.Y.
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Dec 20th 1898

Mr C.H. Daniels

Dear Friend

I looking
over Ceylon letters to night
found the enclosed
report of Hattie Liscomb
school, it was sent to Mr.
thinking Mr & Mrs Liscomb
may not have had a copy
of it, I send it, will you
please forward to them,
oblige

Yours truly
Mr. E. K Howland
(Mrs E.H.)

We are recovering from
bronchitis. I am much better

Mrs. L. H. Houland

New York

Dec. 20. 1898.

Miss Susan R. Howland

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Oodoville Jaffna Ceylon.
Oct 19th 92

Rev N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir

I thank you for the kind letter of sympathy which I have received.

My sister (Mrs Howland) relieved me of the care of the school during father's illness, so that I am not as worn out as my friends feared that I might be. I am not feeling the necessity of a vacation now.

Finding my hands full of work after father's death was better for me than rest.

I am very glad that Miss Ryers is coming to Jaffna and hope that we may be together.

Sincerely yours
Susan R. Howland

Mrs. Susan R. Howland 5

Codorville, Oct. 19, 1892

Rec'd Nov. 25

J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-10-95
Ans'd

Springfield Mass
May 8th '95

Dr Barton

Dear Sir -

I thank you for the kind letter received some days ago. I find it very pleasant to be in this land again after nine years absence - There have been many changes as must be expected -

I hope to spend the summer quietly with my brothers, one is here in Springfield and one in Holyoke. The long sea voyage was a rest - We had a good voyage and the quiet was very helpful to us after the busy days before starting from Ceylon -

Sincerely yours

Susan R. Howland

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-27-96
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Susan R. Howland
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New York City
38 East 70th Street
March 26th '96

Dr Barton
Dear Sir—
You will have heard
that I am here in New York on
account of my brother's severe
illness—
He is still very sick and I
had thought to wait a little
more writing about plans but
feels that I ought to report myself
I think that you will hardly
wish one to leave my brother and
sister while he is so ill—

If it should be best that I return to Ceylon without waiting for them perhaps there would be missionaries of other Societies returning to India in May or June with whom I could travel

I should dread the journey alone - but I understand that Miss Myers is alone at Oodoor and probably needs me -

Yours truly

Susan R. Howland

Mrs. S. W. Howland

J. L. B.
Rec'd 4-3-96
Ans'd

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New York City
38 East 70th St.

Dr Barton

Dear Sir -

You will probably have heard through Dr Keegan that brother is no worse -
This is the third week in typhoid fever and though he is not out of danger yet - the doctors say that he is more comfortable than they had expected he would be -
He has very good care at the Presbyterian Hospital and we feel that prayer is being answered in his behalf

He is weak but his mind keeps clear - for which we are thankful. Letters from Ceylon speak of the need at Codrington -

Yours truly
Susan R Howland

Miss S. R. Howlands

J. L. B.
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New York City
38 East 70th St.
April 13th 1896

Rev J. Barton

Dear Sir

If it seems best I am ready to travel alone. I understand that the medical ladies, just appointed do not go to Ceylon until Autumn.

When I came away Miss Graves M. D. consented to stay with Miss Myers at Codomulle for the year with the understanding that she have her time for medical work and not be

expected to assist in the school.

Miss Myers wrote of being overworked at the close of the school year and perhaps I ought to return without waiting for my brother and sister.

My brother is gaining and I could be ready to start within two weeks.

Since my health permits I think it may be my duty to go now, if you approve.

Yours truly

Susan R. Howland

Miss Mary H. Irwin, M.D.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-22-97
Ans'd

S. S. Valetta,
Indian Ocean.
Dec. 26, 1896.

Dearest Mother:-

Christmas has come and gone and I must tell you how my first Christmas away from home was spent. I had better however begin where I last left off - Aden.

We got into Aden about 6 A.M. and for the first time I got a glimpse of uncivilized life. All about us swarmed little boats with little half naked youngsters in them. Some held only one and some two or more, and a good many of the boats were just a log of wood hollowed out in the center and points at the ends. Each youngster had a little paddle, and with this he sent his little canoe in and out with wondrous dexterity. Their skin was an even shiny black. Their teeth like ivory, and thin hair well the funniest you ever saw. Some of them were shaved but most of them had curly hair bleached a peculiar dirty yellow color, and some had it plastered down in places with a sort of white pasty stuff. This the vain fellows do to make themselves pretty.

How the boys would have laughed to see these Arab youngsters. They are regular water animals and would kick around and play in the water like a lot of little fishes. They kept up a cantinual shouting and clamor for "sixpence sir I dive" and all the time the very mischief was dancing in their eyes. Some were really pretty. More than once as I was watching the fun in the water I was startled to hear a voice above my head "sixpence lady I'll dive under the ship" and looking up I would see peeping down at me from the edge of the life boat above a jolly black face and a row of white teeth.

Some of them talk very good English. One little lad had clambered up the side of the ship by a rope and hanging on there he sang for the

benefit of his audience "Daisy Daisy give me your answer true" and he sang it well too. A splendid clear musical voice and every word distinct and correct. I suppose they learn these songs from the soldiers garrisoned there. Men variously attired of the same type as the boys and Jews came aboard with ostrich eggs and feathers and baskets of shells offering them for sale.

Aden is a barren looking place nothing grows there. The soldiers' supplies are always brought in by the ships.

At 7.30 A.M. our Bombay friends left us and were transferred across to the "Oriental" which was anchored near by. It seemed like saying good-bye to old friends to have them go.

Dr. F.E.Clarke came down to say good-bye to me and what think you he actually presented me with a little gold C.E. pin in remembrance of our meeting and of the C.E. work. Isn't that just lovely?

Monday Dec. 20th. That evening one of the engineers took Miss Kennedy (an Australian lady) Dr. Curr and myself all through the engine rooms. It was most interesting. One has no idea of the amount of machinery and the complications thereof, necessary to drive a ship across the waters. There are four boilers and six fires to each boiler. It was hot down there of course but they have a large air-shute and if you stand under that you get a good cool breeze if there's any going at all.

Their refrigerating machinery was interesting. All the goods in parts of the hold have to be kept at a certain temperature else things would spoil. They carry 1,000 casks of butter from Australia to England and deliver it O.K. This they can do by a process of condensing expanding the air so that it is cooled and then forcing the cool

air into the different parts of.the ship. They keep their supply of ice for the trip by keeping the refrigerator at a temperature below zero. We put our hands into the box where the cold air and snow was and it gave me a taste of the weather, you folks at home would at that moment likely be experiencing. Later on that same evening I went for a walk on deck and stopped at the kitchen window to see what the cooks were doing and there before us stood the Christmas cake. One of the cooks was busy icing it and decorating it. There were two one for first saloon one for second and both three story ones witha "Happy Christmas" on top. Miss Kennedy, Dr. Curr and ~~myself~~ I watched the process with interest.

Thursday the 24th we were once more into open seaand into the face of another storm. Port-holes were again closed and decks washed off and on by wave and spray and many sick- quite a dismal Christmas eve. We rolled up in waterproofs and stayed on deck most of the day. After dark the foam on the by waves reminded me of snow and the spray made it look just like a blustery winter night at home. At length Christmas day dawned. It had rained during the night and the storm was somewhat calmed. Before breakfast Dr. Curr and I opened sundry parcels which had been given us in England and Scotland and carefully marked "Dec. 25th" We found Chrsitmas cards and various New Years mottos from Mrs. Somerville from Miss Andrews and Miss~~R~~ R (London) and from Miss Allen Edinburgh). So it seemed a wee bit like Christmas after all especially as we could hear the horns in the distance which announced Santa's appearance to the children.

We went on deck rain! and clouds! as surely as ever we had them at home. The sunshiny weather we had expected had suddenly vanished!

After breakfast the rain ceased and I thought I would go down and fix up a bit for church

but by the time I got up again it had continued anew.

At 10.15 the engines suddenly ceased working and from then till 4.45 P.M. we lay agleat on the Indian Ocean while the engineers did some reapiring to the engines. This of course gave every one an opportunity to get over their squeamishness and establish a famous appetite for the Christmas dinner. There was a very good turnout at morning service conducted by the captain in the first saloon. The ringing of the church bell sounded Christmas like. Before dinner the doctor showed us a number of photos he had taken and some others. He has some nice ones of Ceylon. Then came the Christmas dinner a joyful occasion (to all but the stewarts one of whom was heard to remark "Thank goodness Christmas comes but once a year.") We had special little menu cards with tiny red borders, and there were a full dozen courses- fish and turkey and goose and so on down to the true English blue blazing plum pudding, mince pies and fruits. The weather cleared off nicely by night. I went to the concert and then came down to my cabin and opened two of my mail bag letters. One was from Mrs. Ferguson, St. Thomas. The other from Mr. Davidson, Toronto, such a nice one enclosing one of his own poems.

Dec. 29th. We will reach Colombo I expect about 8 P.M. to-day so I must finish my letter this morning. Dr. Curr and I have been getting our things packed up. It hardly seems possible that the long voyage is over and my new home almost in sight yet so it is. Well to proceed in orderly manner. After reading my letters I went back to the deck in time for refreshments (ice cream and wafers.)

The next day Saturday we did nothing much but rest after the Christmas festivities. In the afternoon Dr. Curr took a photo of the boys. Sabbath the 27th was quite a pleasant day. At 10.45 the captain

conducted the service. In the evening a lot of us gathered around the piano in our dining saloon and sang hymns for an hour I read some of Murray's " Abide in Christ" and some of "Drummond" during the day.

There is one of the Penang Quartet in whom Dr. Curr and I have taken special interest. I think I may have mentioned him before. His name is Hill. He is a Scotch lad. We have had many talks with him and I really believe this voyage will be the turning point of his life. I gave him "Drummond" to read Sunday afternoon. There is so much to help in those addresses.

Yesterday was bright and clear and calm. About eleven we passed one of the Laccadich Islands called Manckoy. We could see the cocoanut palms all along the shores and a pale green lagoon at one end. It is coral reef.

This afternoon we had a birthday party. One of the four boys going to Penang is a Scotch lad called Forbes. He was 20 years old yesterday and his friends thought they must celebrate the occasion.

Mr. Hislop (an Australian) had interviewed the cook the result being a beautiful fruit cake elaborately iced and with "Many Happy Returns" on the top a pretty birthday card was found from S.S. Valetta friends written on it and placed on top of the cake. It was all a surprise to Forbes for he thought it was simply afternoon tea together before parting at Colombo. When we were all seated (12 of us) at 3.30 P.M. Hislop unveiled the cake and made a little speech which quite confused the quiet reserved little Scotch lad. At the close of our tea and cake feast we all wrote our names on the back of the birthday card Mr. Forbes made a short appropriate speech.

After tea Dr. Curr and I went down to the doctor's surgery and he

helped us develope the negatives of the photos we have taken.

Colombo Dec. 31st 10 A.M.

Dear Mother:-

I think I could write another ~~and yet~~ letter to-day had I the time. The experiences of the last two days I will never forget. I wish you were here that I could tell you everything. I must write you fuller next letter.

We arrived in Colombo harbor about 7 P.M. Tuesday. Not long afterwards as we were waiting on deck watching the lights on land and in the harborthe doctor came to us saying that there were "bundles of telegrams and letters waiting for us" and then the bearer of these a handsome native young man came up and gave us two telegrams each. One from Mr. Scott and one from Miss Myers, Ocdooville, bidding us welcome to beautiful Ceylon.

I got a letter also from Mrs. Scott and one from Dr. Head (the one who graduated with me) all the way from the Canadian Northwest prairies so we felt as if we were indeed welcomed to our new home. We could have gone off on shore that night if we wished. This gentleman was Mr. Foster's clerk. He is a Brahmin and his name sounds like Orosaria.

Yesterday morning before seven Mr. Foster Mr. Orosaria and some men came for our luggage and us and before 7.30 we had left the Valetta and the ocean behind and set ~~forth~~ foot for the first time on Ceylon soil.

The first thing we did was to visit the Tea Kioake and have a roll and a cup of Ceylon tea. Mr. Stockley the Baptist missionary here met us we were rowing across to the shore and got into our boat and came with us. Then we took the train and went to Moratua where Mr. Foster lives. How strange everything seemed. The railway ride of an hour is all along the ocean shore and we saw bathers fishermen and boats and beauti-

ual vegitations of every description not to speak of little villages and dark faces everywhere.

Moratua is the largest Singhalese town on the island having 35,000 inhabitants.

We rode from the station in funny little bumpy ox carts. In the afternoon we rode in them again. (One cart for each person to a mission Sunday School festival about three miles away. It was most interesting. There was present also a Mr. and Mrs. McCallum of Mattali and Mr. and Mrs. Bailey who are on their way to India. Dr. Carr had met Mr. Bailey in Scotland. Besides these and us there were gathered in the pretty decorated open school house about 400 children and about 300 others who came to see the proceedings. It was not unlike children's gatherings at home. Some are such bright pretty little children. We helped give them their prizes and said a few words to them through an interpreter. There is to be a similar gathering in another church this afternoon. Both are under native pastors.

Really mother I cannot write very many particulars to-day. It is very hot. I am sitting in Mr. Foster's office slowly melting as I write and it would be a pity not to write an interesting letter when there is so much of interest to write about.

Let me say that my first insight into Ceylon and its people has been more than sufficient to arouse all my interest in them. I like their faces and I know that I will enjoy my work among them.

Last night before bed we heard in the distance the drum beat of the devil dancers. How one's heart goes out to these interesting people.

May God help me to do a blessed work for Him in Ceylon. Is it not nice that we should have this touch of native life on the very day we

landed? Mr. Foster has been busy teaching us Tamil in a very practical way since the moment we arrived. He makes us say everything in Tamil, and he talks it with his servants always. They have family worship in Tamil too.

I must stop for I feel that I am but giving a very rough outline where I should be writing detail. I trust some day you may find it possible to see it all for yourself.

With best love to every one of the dear home friends,

From,

May.

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Cinnamon Gardens, Colombo.

Dear Brother

~~dear~~ Walter:-

I've been thinking that the best way to tell you everything will be to divide up my discourse into heads.

Firstly the place. Secondly the people, and lastly our doings.

I am sure you would be delighted with Ceylon. Everywhere one sees lovely cocoanut palms with their great bunches of fruit. The ordinary nut is green. The king cocoanut is bright yellow. The nut is in the center of quite a think outer covering like butternuts, when they are first picked and the natives chop this off at one end till they reach the nut then they break the end off and drink the cocoanut water. We had some the other day and it was quite sweet and nice the nut part is not hard like we get them at home, but much thinner and you can scrape it up with a spoon. It is fine.

Another pretty tree we see is the lettuce tree. It is a pretty bright green about the color of lettuce and grows about ten or twelve feet high

and quite bushy. (I am told that some grow double that height.)Sometimes it is used as a hedge.

We saw some Jack fruit yesterday. The fruit grows from the trunk. It is brownish green in color and covered with what looks like little seeds.

The roads are a red color and the earth reddens everything that touches it. Alas for a white dress. The houses are not a bit like those at home. They are all open. More like big summer houses plenty of ventilation from the roofs with lots of ferns and plants around. At Mr. Foster's there are large foliage plants like ours at home only four or five feet high.

The animals here are very funny. We see horses occasionally but not very nice ones. The usual means of conveyance is the bullock-cart. I must draw you a picture of these interesting animals. They are about feet high about like our calves and they have a hump on their neck. Some of them go splendidly. I must draw you a picture of the pigs, and cats and dogs too. They are different from ours. The people are very funny. The Singhalese men all wear long hair combed smooth back and rolled in a little knot behind. They they wear a tortoise shell comb on top points to the front. Most of them have not clothing above the waist. You see their brown skin looksx almost like a colored shirt. The Singhalese women have splendid black hair rolled in a big smooth coil behind. Their ordinary dress is a skirt and jacket, their style. The jacket is low neck and short and sits with a sort of at the bottom away from the waist and you usually see a bit of skin between the jacket and skirt. The latter is a bit of bright silk or cotton or silk wound tight around behind and doubled over with folds in front. The babies wear nothing at all usually except a

bracelet or a chain around the waist, and seems quite happy and contented. They carry the babies here on the hip. Baby sits quite contented one leg in front and one behind. How would Agnes like to be carried that way?

I must tell you about our experiences the other morning. Mr. Foster believes in early rising out here so we usually get up about five before daylight and have a cold bath and something to eat and then go for a walk. Mr. Foster gave us each a bundle of tracts in Singhalese and Tamil and off we started the other morning.

We went a couple of miles along the railroad track right by the sea shore. We could see the native fishermen beginning their morning work and we met plenty of people from the little huts in amongst the cocoanut groves. The children especially are very fond of getting on the track and once we were surrounded by a couple of dozen boys of all ages with jolly mischievous faces. Once Mr. Curr had just one little book left and about half a dozen boys wanted it. When she wasn't looking one jolly looking boy darted across the track and snatched it out of her hand. It was done so quickly and all looked so surprised that Mr. Foster and I just stood and laughed at her. I had one stolen too.

We always have to say to them "Keandy pul-oo-na" that is Singhalese for "Can you read?" then they say "puloona" "I can read." "Stoot-the" thank you. That is what some of the children said when I gave them their prizes.

Yesterday afternoon a Mr. Lee and his nephew called to see us. He is a native of Jaffna and is a Christian man. He was with Mr. Wilkie in India for a year. Now he has a boys' college in Colombo. He welcomed us to Jaffna and he told us that the great work needed up there is to educate girls and he hopes we will do a grand work in the training home for the Jaffna girls.

We were at a Buddhist temple yesterday. It is a short walk from Mr. Foster's house. There was no service on but we saw ~~Buddhist~~ Buddha's image just like the pictures.

Saturday afternoon we were at such an interesting children's meeting at the home of Mr. Lover. He is such a splendid Christian man. His home is always open for missionaries waiting here for boats, &c. Once he had 20 staying with him all free. His great work is amongst the soldiers. He is a manager here in one of the boat making yards and has lived in Ceylon for 34 years. Until 6 years ago he was a wild wreckless man drinking and gambling. For 13 years his wife prayed and worked for him, in vain. Six years ago New Years he came home after a sailing tour and found he had for the first time forgotten to bring his wife a new years present. So he told her to ask what she would like and he would give it to her. She said "Come with me to the meeting to-night." He did not want to but as he had promised he went and that night he accepted Christ and has since then spent every moment of his time for Christ's work. He is full of enthusiasm and his name is known far and wide. He has these children's meeting every Saturday afternoon at 4.20. Over 100 children attend all English speaking. They make everything ring with their singing . I never heard such rousing singing of the good old Sankey hymns. Dr. Curr and I both spoke to them Saturday for a few minutes and we prayed too. Mr. Lover read a passage of Scripture and spoke and prayed. Four children accepted Christ that afternoon. Mr. Lover sends little bands of them out to pray and sing to the saloons and during the last year these children have been the means of closing seven saloons.

Jan. 5th. It is nearly mail time so I think I will reserve further news to the next mail. The other night we heard the sound of the devil

dancers which meant that some one was ill. We also saw a funeral Mohammedan.

I have not been very explicit I fear, in my descriptions. After I get settled my letters will be better I hope.

We expect to go up to Jaffna about Tuesday next. There has been ~~many~~ heavy rain but we hope that the roads will be alright by that time.

There is cholera here too but we carry a lump of camphor in our pockets and are vareful so there is no danger. It is all among the poor people in the low quarters.

Best love to all at home. Father, mother, yourself, Wallace and Agnes and the St. Thomas and Toronto friends and all our league.

Your loving sister May.

Dr. Irwin of Ceylon

Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Irwin
St. Thomas, Ont.

Mary H. Irwin, M.D.

J. L. B.
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Manipay
Mar. 17th 97

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Dear Dr. Barton.

I fear I have forfeited my good name as a correspondent at the very beginning of my career in Ceylon, But as I have been writing to Miss Leitch pour time & time, I was sure she would let you hear of our pleasant journey & hearty welcome, to Ceylon. I also sent her a copy of the first, of the regular letters I propose to write to my friends, asking her to send copies, to dear whom she wishes to interest in our work. It is possible she has sent one to you also.

Everywhere we have met with kind friends. Perhaps the kindest of them all, has-

At first some ogoli Sodoville girls went with us & conducted the little meeting - Now Mr. Charles - a native pastor goes - I take down the Baby organ & the little ones enjoy the singing

When the Tonavil Hosp. work is begun, it will be quite near. I can carry on this Q.S. work better

I was thos. the building at Tonavil tonight. They are still far from completion, but I think we will find them very comfortable altho' there are several things which might have been different

We are took very much in love with the country, surrounding & people. and have not found the heat trying so far.

Mr. C. wishes to be remembered & says she will be coming you down.

Best remembrances to yourself & friends of the A.B.C.F.M.

Yours sincerely, Mary H. Lewis McCall

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-19-97
Ans'd

Letter

Manipay
June 10th, 1897

Dear Friends —

Expecting to tell you time something about the "Graduation exercises, which took place, Feb 18th, at "Tillipallai Industrial & Training School", Sir Wm Twynam K.C.M.G, Late Govt Agent of the Province was present, — He takes much interest in the missionary work, is a great friend of the missionaries.

We first visited the "Machine Shop" and saw the boys working their new 10 h.p. Westinghouse Standard Engine & Saw Mill.

Then we visited the Printing, and Book Binding departments — map-printing, and photographic rooms —

The hall "Sanders Hall." in which the Graduation Exercises took place, was lighted for the occasion by incandescent lights, manufactured by their own dynamo.

This Hall — newly completed — & the other building, lately put up by the boys Masons of the School, are in addition to the regular study in the School, each boy is required to work three hours a day, at his chosen trade,

By these industries, also a large proportion of the expenses of the School is covered.

On the important night of Feb, 18th the Hall was quite prettily decorated, — Native Style —

The ceiling was of strips of white cotton neatly stretched across. & strings of flowers — decorate the walls —

In front of the platform was quite an Elaborate Arch, bright with tinsel and flowers — & ornaments, of native "heathenish" design.

On the Blackboard — behind the Graduation class of Seven fine looking boys — who, with Rev. Mr. Smith and Sir Wm Twynam occupied the platform, "was drawn a very pretty scroll

with the announcement "Class of '97".

Each of the boys made a 10 min. speech, in Tamil, — a prize being awarded to the best speaker, while the first boy of the class gave the valedictory — speaking in English and Tamil.

Sir Wm awarded the prizes — addressing the boys in most forcible pointed and appropriate words —

To the best boy in each department of the Industrial work — prizes were awarded — a set of chisels — to the carpenter, Bowed & plumb-line to the mason — Type to the printer &c &c

The proceedings were closed with prayer.

Since the Mrs. Scott left for the Hills Sc. India, the first of March, Dr. Curr. and Shane have kept very busy at Manipay, Besides the regular medical and household work — we have had a number of village meetings, in different places in the district, and Shane spent some time in visiting the village schools.

Just opposite our Compound, is one of the large heathen temples — and from Ap. 3rd until the 13th the annual festival was held

Having most of this time, the tom-toms were beaten, & native music — rather resembling bagpipes — was played, and throngs of devotees passed to & from the temple.

— Some coming long distances walking on sandles — some with nails, others carrying large "kavadies" on their shoulders — with milk opening to the god,

I wonder if you can get some idea of what a kavady looks like, from this rather poor drawing, The bunches at either end are peacock feathers — (The Peacock is the sacred bird of the temple,) The top is decorated with flowers & tinsel, &c —

The jugs of milk are tied on below the cross bar

The Kavady bearer is heralded by Native Pastors music, & comes dancing along the road - with his heavy burden, sometimes driven, & swung around by strings attached to iron hooks which pierce the flesh of his back.

Every night the Idol is taken out for an airing, & hundreds of shouting people accompany the idol car as it is drawn around the temple.

Monday Ap. 12th was the great car day. - At noon - the procession began - the great car - followed by hundreds of devotees - rolling with their nearly naked bodies on the hot sand, one from all the way around the temple.

All that morning we held a gospel service on the dispensary veranda, and very many were attracted to come & listen - by the notes of our Baby Organ. Some women & our girls and women, audibly sang the sweet gospel hymns and lyrics.

Six or more of our Native Pastors & Catechists gave addresses, a most opportune time we had, a very attentive audience. I saw more than one, with heathen marks on forehead & chest, lean forward eagerly as the story of Salvation was told. May God bless our efforts to lead these wandering souls home.

Saturday morning May 24th Mr & Mrs Scott returned from the "Hills", looking greatly refreshed, after their sojourn in the cooler climate, & quite ready to begin their work once more, with the added enthusiasm gained by a delightful missionary conference held the week before among the missionaries at "Kodikanal" (the health resort on the Hills) May God bless & strengthen the workers - both at home and abroad. - Yours - Ever Sincerely -

Mary A. Irwin Allen

Mary H. Irwin, M.D.
Manifay, June 15, '97

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Maingay -
June 26th 1897

Dear Dr. Barton -

I feel as if I must write you personally, about a matter, which you may already know something of. The broad facts - as they will be stated to you - are - that - before leaving America - while under appointment by the Board - I was secretly married to Mr. L. C. Putnam of Pomeroy Seminary.

The bald facts - as I have written them seem so appalling to me, that I cannot realize that they are true. And without some explanation, it must appear to you, that I have acted in a very hypocritical & dishonorable manner. I have used the mission as a stepping stone for my own purposes.

Just what this may all mean -

to the mission cause. I should I
love, & to myself, I cannot imagine
but of one thing I am sure, I am
still God's child. My aim has
always been to do His will - & I have
asked His guidance, in all that I
have done. & I fully believe he
altho', for some reasons, we cannot
fathom now, He has permitted me
to make a grave mistake, yet, He
must have some plan in it all
- some lesson to teach me - some
special work for me to do.

A year ago last April, you will
remember, I left my home
& came to New York, for Postgrad
work.

It was my first experience of
life in a strange city, among
strangers. No work had
been planned for me - so I
did the best I could myself - I
find my way into various
clinics, & was very fortunate
in my efforts -, altho' many

a day I felt discouraged and lonely
The Misses Leitch, were in the city
of course. but they boarded
a long distance away, from where
I was. and were so very busy all
the time, that I saw very little
of them.

One evening Mr. Rutnam called
on me. He suggested giving
me some lessons in Tamil.
which I readily agreed to.
I did not speak of it at the time
to Miss Leitch - as I thought it would
be a nice surprise to her, if I
managed some Tamil in addition
to my medical work.
But, she knew Mr. Rutnam
called on me. & one day she hesitatingly
suggested that it would be nice
if he could teach me a little,
It was not very long, before
a feeling, deeper than mere
friendship - became apparent.
It was a matter of earnest
prayer with me. from the very first

I seemed to feel as if something was impending, and was powerless to act. - I seemed afraid to do anything for or against it for fear of going against God's will.

In my Bible reading - such passages as Acts 17:26, Rev 3:8, seemed to come prominently before me, & I began to think that perhaps God had some special work for me to do in far away Ceylon.

My appointment to Tonavil was for no specified time & no restriction as to "engagement" had been laid upon me. In fact. The question was never once mentioned to me by either the Board or Miss Leo Do - when I consented to some day become Mr. Rut's wife. It was with no thought at all of disloyalty to the Board or to Christ's cause. but rather that I fully believed - I was following the divine leadi

and that, someday, when I had faithfully - done my share in placing the work at Tonavil on a firm footing. He would open the way, for my fulfilling this engagement.

He knew, that there would be much opposition to an international marriage - and for this reason, we deemed it wiser to say nothing about it at that time. The object being that he might have an opportunity of meeting my people, winning their respect. and I an opportunity of knowing his people, and winning the hearts - of the Tamils and missionaries here, for my own worth. before, such a knowledge, would prejudice them against us.

In this way, we hoped to overcome the prejudice, that is, I believe, in many ways - harmful to the best interest

of the work, in many parts of this
foreign field -

Thus far. I believe God did
guide us - & bless us - and, had
we been satisfied with that,
all would have been well today.
I cannot understand why the
Lord our Keeper did not keep
us from taking the next step
- for we both prayed over it too.
I seemed living in a dream
in those days. I believed God
was leading me, & altho' the
way seemed strange, I said to
myself. "I'll trust, & go forward"
He, neither of us, ever dreamed
that, that secret contract would
ever be known. We looked
upon it, more as a strengthening
of the engagement, & as a just
matter between ourselves & God.
Before the world, I believed, that
I was simply engaged - & looked
forward - to a marriage in
Ceylon. after my work at Eman

was over. In this belief - I was happy, trusting fully, that God had led me in a wonderful way, & that in His own good time He would make the engagement known, overrule all opposition, & open the door to increased opportunities for serving Him.

& trusting Him for this - I left my home, & came here & entered upon my work. not once realizing, that I was doing wrong in keeping the matter secret. If I had thought that it should be known, why it would never have taken place. For the Lord's work is dearer to my heart than anything else.

And so it has happened that the events of the last few weeks have been as much a surprise & heart break to me, as they can be to any one else.

Of course Mr. Putnam and I

have corresponded regularly.
It seems that this has aroused
the curiosity of some people.
and about two or three months ago
one of my letters was stolen
from the postoffice here, and its
contents made public property.
If I had known it at the time
I would have at once informed
the mission of my engagement.
But it was not until the, Sec
return from the Hills, that I
heard about it. I told the
Doctor of the engagement the
Lake, - he asked me pointed
whether or not - a secret marriage
had taken place.
This question - so unexpected
- (for not once had the possibility
of its being asked - crossed my
mind -) seemed to banish
from my mind, all hope & trust
& happiness - nothing seemed
left to me - but a sudden
revelation of what my actions
might mean. Ruin -

In the first time I saw a glimpse of the ~~other~~ side of the matter, & the cloud has been deepening. I simply cannot realize it at all. Our missionaries have all been exceedingly kind to me. & I have, I think, the favor, of very many of the native people -

Mr. Rutnam's family, are very willing to receive me for they have learned to love me already. I have no doubts at all as to the advisability of this marriage. I am perfectly satisfied, that I will be very happy. & that God will bless us both - Dr Cline I will give me an opportunity of getting near to the people. - I love these people. I would give my life for them. But oh - Mr Barton - I wish you could in some measure know how the very thought, that this secret act of ours - may in any way harm His cause. - pains my heart -

His cause is dear to us both.
We are willing to do His will
in all things - & yet - I believe
there was a mistake somewhere
& He allowed it.
I have written - about it all
to my Mother & Father - I can
hear to think of the effect this
may have on them.
They knew we were engaged. & Mother was trusting that God would guide all aright in His own good time.
I have asked Mr. Putnam to talk the matter over with you.
May God guide you in your deliberations as to what is best to do. It seems to me, that it would avoid a great deal of unnecessary talk & censure if I did not - take my husband's name until after he joins me here. Then a simple announcement - of the marriage would be sufficient, as far as the world is concerned -

without explanations as to when
how it took place -
The missionaries, here think I
should at once assume his name.
They say a second - public marriage
is impossible -
My heart aches when I think
of the trouble and worry, this
must cause you wholly unintentional
and my only wish, or wishes
is to do
whatever is right, about the
whole matter.
As far as the money spent on
my Postgraduate work, Dr Pitt
is concerned - I would not
be willing that the mission
should suffer in anyway -
The two months, which must
elapse, before an answer
will be received, will be
weary months for me -
But I feel as if I must
even get.
Maybe God saw that I
needed humbling

I may be willing to learn all
the lessons He would teach me
thro' this. I may be yet bl
my life - & use me for His
glory - I still feel sure
that He has some special
work for Mr. R. and I to do
somewhere.
I am afraid this letter is rat
disjointed - but my heart
is full - & I have written
as I felt.
I think I would like to sign
myself once more -

Sincerely Yours -

Mary H. Irwin

Wm. Joseph
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Erlaly North Jaffna Ceylon
August 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark. D.D.

Rev. & dear Sir,

The work during the year has been carried without much interruption. The "Prayer Week" at the opening of the year was one of unusual interest. Three meetings were held each day. The Christians - male and female each with broken heart, confessed their sins, asked forgiveness openly and with one accord continued in prayer for the Conversion of their neighbours and kindred. Active measures were adopted to regain the backsliders and prayer meetings in the houses of the heathens were begun & continued for months afterwards.

Young girls, graduates of Boarding schools are often at a risk of being joined in marriage with uneducated heathen young men. When one girl, a member of the church, was forced by the heathen party to wear the sacred ashes in the forehead and take in a young man as her husband, she cried bitterly and shewed her utter displeasure. But her mother-in-law rubbing the ashes on the forehead of the girl and carried her away in a conveyance with the young man to a distant village where she might have the full control over her. The last report of her was somewhat consoling - that she has been allowed to pray and read the Holy Bible in a

closed room, but outwardly she has to move about as a heathen keeping the ashes on her forehead.

The earnest wish of the Christians for the Conversion of their neighbors and their systematic and attentive reading of the Scriptures are the two happy, most hopeful things that I can mention.

The state of the heathen is more deplorable. In almost all the villages can be found inquirers or friends of Christianity who render valuable help to the moonlight evening meetings and Christian workers. But their hearts are perfectly indifferent to any religion whatever. Strong appeals to their consciences and to their reasons have done no good to awake them from such a deep lethargy. Only the power of the Holy Ghost can quicken their souls & open their eyes to see the danger.

I beg to remain Rev Sir
Your most Obt Servant
Wm Joseph.

Chaly. Aug. 29. 1892.

Rev. Wm. Joseph.

Mr. H. D. Marsh

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Mr. W. D. Marsh.

Jaffna College -

Ceylon -

Jan - 19th = 1890 -

Rec'd Feb. 24.

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Rev. N. G. Clark -

Dear Dr. Clark,

Your letter of Dec. 7th arrived Jan - 17th =

I am always pleased to have a letter from you =

I send you herewith some Y.M.C.A pps. or a few pictures which may interest you - (numbered -) -

1 - Nellore group of Missionaries and teachers & pastors -

2 - The 4 Missioners - Grubb - Millard - Campbell - Richardson -

3. Batticotta Mission Bungalow -

I was sorry to hear that you had been sick.

We have considerable interest felt and expressed in meetings recently held by Mr. Wishard & the 4 Missioners.

Some 10 of our boys have expressed a desire to find the truth.

I am sorry to see so much of an agitation about the Leitches. Any contention among Missionaries cripples the work! At least, it seems so to do.

With kind regards.

Sincerely Yours.

Wm. D. Marsh.

W. D. Munro
Batticotta
Jaffna College
Ceylon. April 1. 1890.
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My Dear Dr. Clark,

Your letter was duly rec'd. I presume that you have heard by this time of the Martons arrival & of their being at B. for a time, with us, before going to town.

Our Y.M.C.A. is on
a good footing now
and we expect to hold
several meetings this
month, viz. Annual S.S.
gathering, comprising
some 250 children
who receive weekly in-
struction from our
Y.M.C.A. boys.

Also Annual busi-
ness meeting & election

of officers for '90-'91 -
I hope that you
are well and not
too busy - Thank you
for occasional letters -
Hot season now up-
on us! 90° etc -
We have a tennis-
court & base-ball
ground & the stan-
dard of health in
our College is rising -

If you should see Dr. Chester, please say to him, "I'm perfectly willing to come out with him again at any time."

Yours Faithfully
Wm. D. Marsh.

Rev. D. W. Marsh.
Amherst Mass.
July 31, 1890.
Rec'd Aug. 1.

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Dr. N. G. Clark,
Sec. Am. Board,

My Dear Friend,

I received to day a letter from my son dated Colombo July 1st, in which he wishes me to inform you that he will write to you. He is much better but felt much fatigue in writing.

I have very much to thank you for all your kindness to him, which he & his parents have highly appreciated. Will you kindly give me some estimate of his work. Very truly yrs.

Dwight W. Marsh

P.S. I assume that you know how decidedly Dr. Marston & all the rest felt that his health demanded an immediate return home.

D.W.M.

(2d sheet)

tropical climate".

So much for Wms

letter - He added that Wal-

lace was to accompany

him to Colombo. He grew

better as appeared by let-

ters of June 12 & 16 & 25 - so that

Wallace did not have to

come with him to Colombo.

He wrote from Colombo

July 3. — was better.

We had Aug 5. a cablegram

from London - indicating

that he was to come on the

Teutonic - which sailed last

Wed. the 6. - I go tomorrow

to New York to meet him.

We had two letters this

morning - one from Red Sea

July 18 - he was gaining - then

from Med. Sea July 22 - still

well - This afternoon we had

a third letter July 30, Bay of Biscay — writes of a touch of malaria & liver trouble. & adds "I am distributing my daily gaining strength over my enfeebled & emaciated frame. One thing that troubles me is to write — it is hard".

My present explanation of all this is that the grippe has made our dear son, as so many others, very weak.

I have supposed that Dr. Howland, or some other had written to you. I have only heard from Mrs.

Hoping to hear from you soon I am

Very Cordially Yrs.

Dwight W. Marsh

W. D. Wauch
Amherst. Mass. 200
Aug. 18th. 1890.

My Dear Dr. Clark.

Surely I ought to be thankful for my safe arrival at home.

You must have heard of my sickness and the advice of the Missionaries that I return to America, and I should have written to you before, but have not until now felt much better than a moving

in Jaffna any longer [illegible]
aries very kindly decided to pay my ex-
penses home. So here I am!

You can appreciate how I have felt.
At first reluctant to give up my work; but
yielding to the decision of those older &
wiser than myself. I should be glad
to have a word from you. & enclose my
expense acct. lean add items if desired.

Yours Very Truly, Wm. D. Marsh.

skeleton, & so have waited.
I was taken with "la
grippe" about 1st May &
struggled along with my
duties until 20th, when
I was compelled to go
to bed, and had subse-
quently the usual suc-
cession of diseases in
the "grippe". In my case
it ran into malarial fe-
ver, which must have been
in my system — and ner-
vous prostration resulted.
Dr. Marston attended
me & at length said
that I must not stay

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Amherst. Mass.

Aug. 21st. '90

Rev. Dr. N. G. Clark.

Dear Dr. Clark,

Yours of Aug. 20th at hand. Thank you for your kind and sympathizing words.

I hope we shall be able to have a conference with regard to Jaffna College and other matters of interest, as we are anxious to know the probable outcome of the present crisis of the American work in Ceylon.

I shall be most happy to come down to Boston

8. Medicine - Bottle port-wine on "Teutonic" - 5/ 2

9. Fees to Stewards - 1 - - -

10. New York Expenses -

	$ - ¢
Porters =	.50
Baggage & Express =	6. - .55
Carriage & Elev. a.a. =	3. - 25
Lunch =	.60
	$10 .90 @ $4.80 = 2 - 5/

11. Amherst expenses -

N.Y. to Amherst = $3.50

Amherst expenses - .75

$4.25 @ $4.80 = 17/6

£ 37 - 10/1

when I am able or to in-
vite you to spend a day
or two with us, just as
may seem best to you -
I can give you a few
items on the £30. which may
help to explain -

1-	S.S. "Teutonic"	£ 18-
2-	Bywater's charges - including Docks - customs - Porters - Baggage transportation - R.R. Fare to & from Albert Docks & to Liverpool - Cab hire & a few purchases.	3- 13/ 7
	Boarding-house charges including washing -	2-
	Medicine - incl. fruit.	15/
	Cab hire in London to & from Bywater's Spicer Bros. etc.	18/ 6
	Baggage to Liverpool	1- 10/
	Expenses in Liverpool	5/6

I understood that I was
entitled to a first class
passage right through, &
that, as heretofore, if I
secured any reduction by
going at a less rate,
could use the difference
in other ways.

By a special favor I
secured my S.S. ticket
across the Atlantic for
£15., tho the advertised
price was least at £18.
and used the difference
for other expenses.

If you think I ought
to repay £3. or any other

amount, am willing
to do it.

My expenses are higher
than if I had been well
able to do more myself.
Also I had much extra
baggage to bring home.

Please inform me as
to your decision upon
the matter.

Very Sincerely,

Wm. D. Marsh.

Amherst. Mass.
Sept. 6th '90.
Sat. 11.30 A.M.

Rev. Dr. N. G. Clark.

Dear Dr. Clark,

I have just received word from Jaffna of the death of Dr. E. P. Hastings — so much beloved by us all — upon July 31st at 8 P.M.

The peculiar features of the sad occurrence make it very painful

Wm. F. Marsh
Amherst, Sept. 6, 1890
Rec'd Sept. 8

to us all -

Very Truly Yours.

Wm. D. Marsh.

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in

acc. with Jaffna College.

Estimate of Expenses.

Dr.

Manepay - Jaffna to Colombo & one week in Colombo at B.I. Hotel. Includes coolie hire & S.S. passage to C. & carriage hire & boat hire in C. & dock dues &c. Rs. 50.

Colombo to London. Includes S.S. passage to L. & Medical charges in Colombo &c. Incidentals on vessel & gratuities.

Rs. 500.

Cr.

A. From S. W. Howland Rs. 50.

B. From S. W. Howland
½ S.S. passage
Rs. 250.
From Mr. R. C. Hastings
Rs. 250 ------ Rs. 500.

Rupees 550.

C. By letter of credit on Spicer Bros. £ 30-

Messrs. Spicer Brothers,
19 New Broad st.

6. London to Amherst.

Includes Bywaters' charges in London. Cab hire. Hotel bills. Washing. R.R. ticket to Liverpool & baggage charges.
S.S. "Teutonic" fare to N.Y.
Incidentals & medicine.
Fees to stewards & porters.
New York expenses. Elev. R.R. baggage; express &c.
R.R. ticket to Amherst.
Hack & baggage & express charges &c. £ 30.

Total. Rs 550.
plus £ 30.

Cr.	Dr.
Rs. 550	Rs. 550
plus £ 30.	plus £ 30.

Balance.
0.

Value of £30.

@ 1/6 = Rs. 400-

Dr. H. Marston

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Jaffna
June 6/91.

Dear Mr Howland,

I have seen Mr Hurst this morning & strongly advise that he should return to America as early as possible. He is suffering from nervous debility & in my opinion his physical condition warrants his withdrawal from a tropical climate at once.

Yrs faithfully
H M Easton
M.B.C.S. L.R.C.P.

Dr. H. Marston.

Jaffna, June 5. 1890.

Rec'd July 12.

Mr. Marsh ✓

Jaffna
June 7. 90

Dr. Clark, Secretary of American Board,

Dear Sir,

In view of the return of the Misses Leitch to America for purposes of influencing the Board to effect certain alterations in the disposition of missionaries &c in Jaffna I think it advisable despite my having no connection with the American Board to give you my views upon one or two points in case any opinions are misrepresented to you from any quarter. The position I hold in regard to this medical mission for Jaffna is stated in this copy of a letter which I sent to the Board at its last meeting. (May 20th)

When I left England I fully expected that my chief work in Jaffna would be that of training native medical evangelists in connection with a large college of "230 students, which number we expect to see largely increased", a united and representative college of two English Societies and an American. I find however that such a College does not-

exist; it has but to students the English missions have Schools of their own (which they consider fully equal to the Jaffna College which are now affiliated to Indian Universities) that the College is not representative for the English missionaries refuse to join hands in making it so, their presence on the Board is merely out of courtesy & friendliness & might be discontinued at any time.
A medical department in connection with a College has ceased to be talked of. It is now a 'General Medical Mission for North Ceylon' in connection with all the missions working in Jaffna i.e. C.M.S., Wesleyan & American. All the money for it has been raised in England upon this understanding. The English missionaries here do not consider the Board of the College a fairly representative Board of the three missions & therefore the Board for the medical mission cannot either be considered fairly representative. Neither could English missionaries have a share in the representation of the medical mission without also having the same in regard to the College; if the same Board is to rule both; neither could they sever their connection with the one without also doing so with the other. The outcome of this will doubtless be that in the future the same misunderstanding will arise in regard to the medical mission as has been the case with the College.

7 Sorry mind it is a pity that natives should have a share in the control of a medical mission at all because they have no right conceptions as to what a medical mission should be; they regard it mostly as a philanthropic agency. The College & the medical mission should I think be kept in every way distinct & the three missions should have an equal share in the representation if the medical mission & if natives are to be represented in the Medical Board it would be more desirable that they should be men of spiritual power & engaged themselves in Evangelistic work. I have long since given my views to Miss Leitch upon this medical mission which she is now proposing. I understand that the reason why the American Board did not send out another medical missionary for Jaffna long ago was because they did not consider Jaffna so needy as other darker quarters of the earth. This view I fully accord with. I agree with the following extract from a Church Missionary magazine :- "We want a wider & deeper sense of the claims of missionary work. It is not realised that the Lord Jesus Christ, after His Resurrection & before His Ascension, gave one great charge to the Church. That charge is found (in different forms) in all the Four Gospels, & in the Acts. It is, to evangelise the world. Not to convert the world - that is not man's part - but to proclaim the Gospel to the world. All other

Christian & Charitable enterprises are secondary to this one." 8
The Misses Leitch however do not agree with this view;
they say that Jaffna contains 3000 Christians
& 313000 heathen (!) Their efforts are directed towards
the Utopian vision of Jaffna in this generation
with a population of none but Church members.
Their methods in raising money are commensurate
with their aims.
The matter of training young men was a widely
different subject. It was represented that Jaffna 9
young men were desirous of entering upon medical
mission work for the love of Satan work & willing to
make great sacrifices for the sake of it. They will
work to train such men & send them to all parts
of Ceylon with its 3000000 people, the Straits
Settlements & South India." Such a work appears
to me impracticable for I believe (another
view is borne out by others more experienced than
myself upon the spot) that very few young men
if any could be found willing to enter upon
such work at a lower rate of pay than 30 or 40 10
Rupees a month (I am paying my present assistant
50 Rupees a month, I do not approve this from
a missionary point of view but I could not have secured 11
him otherwise). In the Travancore mission which is

sometimes quoted, matters are very different. Thirty six months experience of medical mission work in Travancore & there is no analogy between the two fields of Travancore & Jaffna. It may seem superfluous to intimate this to you & only do so because the Misses Leitch are very fond of drawing the parallel. There the medical missionary only pays his trained medical evangelist 8 & 10 Rupees a month. The medical missionaries assistant with 25 years experience - a man well trained by Dr Lowe, only gets 15 Rupees a month. There are not there the same inducements & opportunities to Government employ. But when partially trained men can get from 50 to 100 Rupees in Government service they will not leave their homes as medical missionaries for 10 or 20 Rupees a month.

12 I must say here that I do not quite understand the position you have assumed in this matter. As I understand it, it is this. The American Board do not approve of this new departure & will not allow of funds being obtained in America for it but if the Misses Leitch can get funds in England we will allow them to do so.
Well I think if the American Board with all the light which they possess did not think fit to sanction the raising of funds in America they

should not either have allowed the raising of them in England. The English public have not the light upon Jaffna which the American Board have. Further there is no one in England who could raise any objections to the Misses Leitch advocating the claims of Jaffna when they are not responsible to any English Society. If it was not right that the money should be raised in America; neither was it right that it should be raised in England. The fact that Jaffna is a portion of British Territory is hardly sufficient reason for money being raised in England for an American Mission when two English Societies are already in the field. I allude here more especially to the Jaffna College. The Misses Leitch may say that their actions are not criticised in England. Perhaps they never hear any criticisms but some such criticisms have come to my own knowledge & I think if the Misses Leitch were not American ladies they might have heard criticisms sufficient.

An endowed medical mission for Jaffna alone with its large number (constantly on the increase) of Government dispensaries & hospitals besides many native private practitioners making an honest living in European medicine* seems not-

* (Already some of the men who have been trained at the Medical College & are seemingly doing their profession.)

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17 approve. There is no fund from which to pay medical evangelists' salaries, a large number could not possibly be trained & could not ~~possibly~~ open up dispensaries in the track of Government medical work. Mr Snyman has refused me the oversight of the Friend in bed Hospital. I was misled upon that point for Mr Snyman the Government agent says that he never had any such idea as giving me the oversight of the hospital. & further that the native in charge is as good as a qualified medical man & he would refuse to allow him to be insulted by putting a fully qualified European over him. Mr Snyman knows of no medical missionary work for Jaffna except a continuation of Dr Green's work & the whole question resolves itself now into this :-
The Missionaries here & the Government agent anticipated nothing but a continuation of Dr Green's work whereas the Misses Leitch have planned for quite a different object, have raised money for quite a different object & came here to carry out quite a different object.
The English missionaries here have been interested upon the subject because they have

never been consulted by the Misses Leitch but have had this medical mission as it were forced upon them. They expected the work to assume the form of a 'Medical Department' in connection with the Jaffna College & naturally considered that they would have no more concern in the matter than they have in the Battecotta Institution. They looked upon the Jaffna College still look upon it as Miss Leitch did, upon her own confession, for 7 years while in Jaffna, during her Indian tour & for 2 months while in Scotland as purely an American Mission College. Quite by accident or as she terms it 'a gracious interposition of Providence' she discovered that the root intention, 20 years ago, was to make it a people's college. English missionaries told me that if they had an equal control in the medical mission if it was to be carried on in their fields they might have a greater interest in the affair but so long as it was in the American Mission field & in connection with the Jaffna College they cannot see that it was a matter which specially concerned them & which they need take trouble about; especially as they had never been asked. A palpable fiction may have become a reality to the minds of the Misses Leitch but it has not to the minds of others upon the spot.

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At the last Board meeting the enclosed letter was submitted to the Board by me. I still think that it was the only fair workable proposal that I could make. Mr Twynam declared that such a course was impossible. A subcommittee was formed & I was asked to accept this in lieu of the district Board which I had requested. I objected to decide upon the spot but was forced into a decision against my better judgment I accepted the compromise as a temporary arrangement. Mr Twynam was voted into the chair. As a result of this subcommittee I was forced into the position of a private practitioner receiving a missionaries salary. I was told that there was no fund from which I could draw for the work. That I could carry on the work in my own way but I must find all the money for it myself. From the item of fees (the effort to obtain which involves a vast amount of work - the necessity of private practice being almost prohibiting of any direct medical mission work) I require to pay an assistant, all travelling expenses, house rent, medicines &c. A little capital to go upon to the amount of £100 to enable me to obtain medicines &c from England was refused on the ground that there was no fund from which to supply it. I was refused

the supervision of the F. Shed Hospl. & therefore the grant of Rs 500. which I must say I would rather be without when Mr Lugman is opposed to Miss Leitch's plans. I say it with all modesty but I anticipate if I do carry out a medical mission upon Miss Leitch's lines I shall of necessity be a rival to the F. Sh. Hospital & I shall accordingly be without the sympathy of the Government agent. He is not in favour of another large hospital in Jaffna & of dispensaries being opened up when Government is already doing so much. Of course he views it merely from a medical standpoint. When I intimated my intention of opening a medical mission in the town he said at once no Government grant would be given. Government grants to missions are however generally a hindrance. I was strongly advised in India to have nothing to do with them if I could avoid it.
I stated to Mr Howland recently & also to Mr Leitch sometime since that if I had charge of the F. Shed Hospital & Tellip work could be carried in there that a small hospital in the district to contain about half a dozen beds for special cases would suffice as a medical mission hospital. I would adhere to this opinion still but matters have changed since I gave expression to it. I shall

not have charge of the Women's Hospital in any case for Dr Duryea has said that no Native work would be allowed there. It is therefore absolutely essential if a medical mission is going to be permanently established in Japan that a good sized hospital to hold at least 40 beds should be erected as a medical mission hospital unless a medical missionaries presence here is to be rendered comparatively useless this influence minimized at least 90%. The repaired house at Maeepy which Miss Leiter has in mind for a hospital & which has been erected with money obtained by her for a hospital would hold I should judge about 20 beds. I think because so much money has been expended in the repair of this building Miss Leiter has been greatly misled as to its appearance & accommodation.

In one of her early letters to myself Miss Leiter characterises the F. Dr Hospl as 'quite a large institution' but later on in another communication when she has decided upon the necessity of a General Medical Mission in lieu of the Medical Dept of the Japan College she alludes the discovery that for such a mission a hospital is the strategic point the F. Dr. Hospl at once loses its importance & becomes 'quite a small

institution very inefficient.
At present my own hired house in town is a public dispensary hospital. My verandah is filled nearly all day with patients, friends & poor, all operations have to be in my own sitting room & then to keep the patients some days subsequently in my own house. I have had to do this because I have no hospital but I cannot of course continue to do it, the duty for it does not devolve upon me.
Miss Leitch's plan of raising an endowment for beds & then applying it to a doctor's salary does not commendatorily strike as a strictly honest method of raising money for missions. ~~Does~~ It may be "worldly policy" (which Miss Leitch seems to worship) but it is not the righteous method which God delights to honour. For we would not receive a salary raised by such methods. I know something of Mission hospitals but I know none where the doctor's salary is paid from money raised for the support of beds. Further, this is the third alteration in regard to the source of a doctor's salary & I have never been asked if I assent to such an arrangement.
About a year ago I wrote to Miss Leitch upon the subject of this medical mission as an evangelistic

agency drawing comparisons between Jaffna & other heathen mission fields. I have recently seen some comments of yours on upon the same subject repeating my own impressions as I stated them to the Misses Leitch. Though my letter was sent to Miss Leitch in confidence she made free use of it & commented upon it to my disadvantage. I thought Miss Leitch's plans had been well considered & approved of by the Mission here as regards the medical work & never realised till I came to India that the plans of the Misses Leitch were different to those which were anticipated by the Board of Directors here. My ideas of medical missions were gathered entirely from English opinions & methods in regard to such agencies.

I quote from yourself - "I have always felt an interest in this (Dr Green's work) but we have of late years, as you know, felt that we could not spend money for that purpose in view of the calls for every hand for evangelistic work." But medical missionary work is par excellence evangelistic work, at all events English Societies think so, if conducted on entirely evangelistic lines. I did not come to Jaffna as a doctor but as a medical missionary in the sense which is usually attached to that

work in these Gospel days. "English friends" were not I think willing to raise funds to support me here as a "physician" & the money which has been raised has been obtained for no such purpose. I do not consider, nor does anyone I imagine consider, that the training of natives for doctors is evangelistic work so far as I can see it. It is not practicable to train natives here for medical evangelistic work & I do not think in view of the greater need in other lands that if it was fully understood how much Gospel light there now is in Jaffna that young men could not be trained to go to different parts of Ceylon, South India & the Straits Settlements as medical evangelists. I do not think so much money would have been given in England when so loud a cry for medical missionaries is coming from parts where the Gospel has never or scarcely ever been heard of at all. It is not my intention to disparage Dr Green's work in the least but I think it was a widely different work to that which is now pursued by missionary societies in England which favor medical missions. Neither Dr Green

as Africans were trained they were trained simply as doctors. In Dr. Freeman's day there was no medical school in Ceylon but for the past 5 or 6 years there has been a good medical school in Colombo & there is also a good medical college in Madras. The Colombo school is turning out men sufficient, more indeed than can easily be provided for at fees & salaries are being raised in order to make the profession less sought after. Twelve thousand rupees has been raised in England, not to give a start in life to Jaffna young men (in that matter I think "charity begins at home") but to train medical evangelists under the direct supervision & the pay of the medical missionary. Mr. Leitch explains the reluctance of establishing a medical mission here in the part of the American Board by saying that you lived 11000 miles away & did not properly appreciate the situation tho you had so much correspondence to upon your hands you did not take time to think. I have been some time in Jaffna now & it is nearly 2 years since I left England. I have incessant calls from patients

which come home in large numbers. My usefulness is crippled from want of funds. Without medicines & appliances & cheap diet flies and cockroaches from Colombo at great cost. Without any proper endeavance that a medical missionary is usually provided with, I have been relegated in fact, to the position of a private practitioner with a salary from mission funds & for mission work. I am asking myself how long this anomalous & discreditable condition of things is to continue. If you can use your influence to the obtaining of a speedy solution of the question shall be more than grateful. I think that a Board of native practitioners, doctors & police magistrates (in addition to missionaries) with a government agent as chairman who "knows of no medical mission other than a continuation of Dr Green's work in connection with the American Mission alone" would never prove serviceable to the carrying on of a medical mission in connection with the three missions & established in all the three mission fields, upon my, Leitch's plans. My idea is of course to open up dispensaries & if necessary hospitals in the

3 mission field of Jaffna & to carry out in so far as I am able a medical mission upon the usual methods in accordance with the objects for which the money has been raised. I cannot conclude without expressing my warm sympathy with Dr Hastings in the trying position he has had to endure at the hands of the Misses Leitch. A man of his character, experience & age was certainly entitled to more respectful consideration. The manner in which he has been treated has done more than anything to enable me question the Christian discretion of the Misses Leitch in their persistent advocacy of this medical mission for Jaffna. The fact of the Misses Leitch appearing before the English public as accredited missionaries of a well known & respected society like the American Board & also as the authorised agents of the Board of Directors of the M.E.C. accounts for the sympathy & the support which they have received in England. The objects which these ladies set forth & for which they ask money are not regarded as the objects of the Misses Leitch merely but as the objects & desires of

the Board in Jaffna & the American Board.
It is not known that there is a difference between the Misses Leitch & the missionaries in Jaffna & that the Misses Leitch are presenting claims which the Board have not authorised them to present & which they did not wish.
Plans of this kind require more experienced & less sentimental heads to arrange & carry out than belong to the Misses Leitch & this is the root of all the trouble & the constant changing of arrangements & pressing of girls to cater every changing breeze which has marked the career of this missionary enterprise undertaken by these two ladies.
Apologising for writing you at such length & perhaps needless length & with kind regards

Believe me
Yours faithfully
A. M. Marston
MRCS; LRCPL

Jaffna, June 7. 1890.
Rec'd July 17.

Dr. Marston to Jaffna College Directors

Copy

Rec'd July 17, 1890

To the Board of Directors of the Jaffna College

Gentlemen,

Have the following statement & proposition to make to this meeting of Directors of the Jaffna College.

The College Board appointed me to inaugurate a Medical Department in connection with the College provided that the Misses Leitch were successful in raising an endowment fund for the doctor's salary.

This condition is not yet fulfilled. Pamphlets circulated in England by the Misses Leitch bearing the names of the Directors of the Jaffna College & presumably with their authority set forth the representative

character of the Board of the Jaffna College. While this may be technically correct in fact it is not so. The Board is not representative of the three missions Chs. Wesleyan & American in any real sense & the college is not even technically a representative college.

Further, the Misses Leitch have raised a fund in England not for a medical department in connection with the Jaffna College but, as her latest pamphlet specially sets forth, for a general medical mission for native Christians upon entirely evangelistic lines. The medical work to be in connection with three missions, not especially with the American mission. The fund for this medical work has been raised in the

name of the Missions & the whole
of it has come from England.
In common justice therefore the
English missions are entitled to a
common share of the funds raised
in their name & for their benefit,
if not to the larger share.
Further when I left England I was
under the impression from the
pamphlet circulated in the
name of the Directors that the
~~Abbas~~ Leitet were their responsible
& trusted agents whose actions would
not be thereafter repudiated.
Now it was stated to me &
circulated in pamphlet that the
Ceylon Government had promised
£200 per an. towards my salary
provided that the £100 was
annually forthcoming.
Where is that £200 (stating) &
where also is the other £100?

In place of this reliable source I am confident in the uncertain foundation of 426 collecting boxes is established for my permanent benefit. I am requested to see to it that this fund does not relapse through any negligence or lack of interesting reports from myself. I repudiate any such obligation.

A house also was dedicated yesterday by the American Mission on condition that the work was established in their field. But where is the house thus promised? It is still in the hands of the American Mission & under the altered circumstances commend the wisdom in keeping it there. A new house is in course of erection on the foundations you did use at a cost of some 400 Rupees

certainly raised in England to any
manner in that house is that
it is the worst house in all Jaffna
the worst I have seen in all
my Indian journeys, the worst
house that is occupied by any
missionary in point of sanitation
healthy. I see no obligation to
enter it in
circumstances which cause
me to come to Jaffna to serve
under the terms laid down by their
promises & arrangement have utterly
been repudiated by the Board
under which I came to serve
in response to daily developing
the impossibility of serve under the
terms to receive my salary from
the different source to live in a
such insanitary ~~house~~ & unhealthy
house & to carry on a different
work from that which I came to
be

boxes in England when it comes to their
completely how money has been raised
with what objects & to what uses it
has been put very justly blame the
responsible for its expenditure. The
Board I understand did not give its
sanction to the step which I made
in India. The Miss Leiter informed
me that their sanction was not
necessary as certain monies were placed
in their hands to dispense as they
considered best for the work.
That matter therefore lies between
myself & Miss Leiter. My
visit to India was owing to
the representations made to me upon
the very important responsibilities
you were in Joppa & about to
give the Miss Leiter time to
raise the endowment. But I un-
derstand matters as I understand
them now that visit to India

would not have been taken. The
doubts may naturally be entertained
as to money having been spent to
so little purpose while I
recognise no responsibility in
the matter I am willing to
remain in consequence, and
suppose serve a thoroughly representative
Board of the 3 missions who
join hands in the matter. Have
up the permanent responsibility of the work
the funds necessary for its furtherance.
I suggest therefore that a missionary
from each mission be elected that
each missionary so elected shall
make choice of a native from
his respective mission that invited
Wm. Ingham be also asked
to serve upon such a new
Board.

Yours

There was also a letter from Miss Tillit bearing on the statement in regard to the three missions having a station in the western mission. I cannot find that it was the question but it was the effect that the American mission must be central for the western mission for the western field. Such a mission in China as this the Brethren have the Brethren

Mr Manson in regard to
Miss Leitch

Jaffna
Ceylon
Oct 8/90

Rev. N.G. Clark D.D.
Secretary A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Sir,

I received your note in due course but was disappointed to find you had paid so little attention to my communication forwarded by the late Dr Hastings. I wrote that letter because I thought it might be a help to you, in view of the Misses Leitch departure for America, to know my views upon the situation. I am sorry that my letter was not more lucid & I may be to blame for the fact that

you have not gathered from it the impossibilities of the Misses Leitch's plans.

It seems strange to me that their superficial & impractical views should be accepted in lieu of the maturer judgment of far more experienced & more devoted workers, men who have lived in & for Joppa & died at last in harness; not flighty, imaginative writers who mistake excitement & sentiment for substantial missionary toil & endeavour. Surely you do not suppose that in order to gratify the Misses Leitch I would think it my duty to establish a medical mission in opposition to the wishes of the Government agent & the missionaries in the field.

Yet what is the latest plan of the Misses Leitch, received only a few weeks ago. To establish 15 dispensaries in Jaffna (her desire is to have one for every 20,000 of the population) & to place native doctors in charge under my supervision but already there are 10 Government dispensaries in leading centres & others are to be opened shortly under the supervision of the Colonial Surgeon & besides these two large hospitals & other dispensaries in charge of private practitioners – one dispensary to between 20 & 30,000 of the population. Other dispensaries are not needed from a medical point of view. Jaffna is not peopled with a population of none but sick & dying. One might think

that the people were to be physicked all round to prevent them from getting ill. Then I am not to have a hospital.
The F. S. Reed hospl. shall never be heard of, it will be rather under the Admiral Surgeon & Miss Leiter have raised money for a hospital & spent it upon repairing a house which will never be allowed for use as a hospital. They have got money also for beds. Beds however cannot be placed on the road side, but there is no necessity even for that.
Miss Leiter settle that matter by appropriating it for the doctor's salary. In their opinion beds & doctor's support are one & the same, even though

donors specially request that the bed be named after a departed relative or friend. Without a hospital only one or two dispensaries with other Government dispensaries all round my usefulness must be curtailed to infinitely narrower limits than I was led to believe & than medical missionaries invariably anticipate in leaving England for a foreign field. I found a more useful sphere here than I could in London. As it is I only see some 40 patients weekly & more than 50 per cent of these are trivial cases which are usually left to native assistants & more serious & operative cases cannot be expected to thrive without a hospital & constant supervision. The Government offers

want of sympathy with my work has already made itself felt in regard to my position here & I am practically "bowled". But apart from these facts I never approved ~~this~~ medical mission for Jaffna Stole Miss Leitch do a year ago. I foresaw, after I reached India, all that has since happened. I came out here to be head of the F. Girls hospital & to train medical evangelists in connection with the Jaffna College. It does not seem likely that for many years to come the Miss Leitch will raise an endowment to bring in a doctor's salary, pay native medical evangelists, build & provide for hospitals & dispensaries.

The Government grant which has to provide £300 sterling annually for my salary has fallen through but was chiefly upon the supposition that this at least was done that Dr Griffith. Indeed the government grant has never promised to that amount it was only 1000 Rupees about £70 sterling, but with their genius for calculation the Miss Leitch made it £300 & so stated it in their pamphlets: there was an additional grant of 500 Rupees promised from the F. Creed hospital - this I presume has also included in the above.

In view of the fact that I have never approved the General Medical Mission, that the position of affairs is so

motives & plans so impracticable
& that I am not ambitious
of being supported by begging
for many more years to come
I am quite averse to remaining
in Joppa. It may be a
desirable thing to calm the
troubled waters & pacify the
Miss Leitch but the price
is too great. & I fear that I
am not sufficiently enamoured
of their plans or methods to
sacrifice my life for such
an object. When I leave Joppa
the matter must be settled
though in many ways it
will be inconvenient to myself
I do not fear the consequences.
I can be left out of any
calculation. No question of
breaking faith with the

the effect that as I understand the situation it would render it easier for you to act in the matter - or words of a similar purport.

You seem also to make far too light of the fact that the American Mission is not the sole Mission in Jaffna. The Missions sent for the furthering of their plans have utterly ignored the work & position of the C.M.S & Wesleyan missions in Jaffna. But these are facts which cannot be so easily disposed of. It has been one of the delights & boasts of the American Mission in the past that there has been such a cordial & friendly relation continued for so many years between their Mission & the C.M.S & Wesleyan. The Missions

Jaffna Board or with the
Misses Leitel can be raised
against me for the Board
has already informed me that
it cannot take up the
plans of the Misses Leitel &
these plans were only pre-
pared after I reached India.
They were altered after I left
England as their pamphlets
show. My friends in Eng-
who are aware of my position
have strongly urged me to
out of it at once & are very
angry to hear that I have been
so treated. I was sur-
prised that you should have given
such an offensive letter of re-
commendation to the Misses Leitel
for the I. F. M. Soc. So contrary
to your previously expressed
opinions & your remarks to

which have done their utmost
to bring in dissension -
happily they have not succ-
ceeded but they have naturally
caused very strong feeling
& indignation against them-
selves. The American missionaries
feel quite ashamed before the
English missionaries in consequence
of all that has happened in reference
to the Jaffna College but it was
no fault of theirs that such a
forest & misrepresentation should
be made in England about
the Jaffna College when the
English missionaries are at
work here & have institutions
as good & better educational
results. Perhaps you are not
aware that the Wesleyan School
has 300 boys all over the age
of 10 years & all passed the

5th standard before entrance - the C.M.S. College (now St John's College) has 250 students - all beyond the 5th standard. The C.M.S. missionaries have also 150 workers in their pay. I am not aware of the Wesleyan statistics but they are larger. Miss Leitner in their own confession says that that they have done what they do not approve for their own statement is this "we wants not collect for the English public wants not contribute to an American Mission College - we always represent that the College is representative of the English Missions besides. Now the way that the English missionaries

are practically "Atheists" because they will not combine with the Jaffna College & "the will know the reason why if they do not combine – there is not room for more than one missionary College in Jaffna". The English missionaries will not pass however with their institution to please the Miss Leitee – they will not combine with the Jaffna College, on the contrary, they have in consequence established their own and affiliated with Indian Universities. There are now two Protestant Colleges the Jaffna College & St Johns College. When I was in India I was everywhere met with the question from English missionaries

engaged in Educational work
How is it the Misses Leitch
are raising this money in
England - it is not an English
missionary institution.
Then in regard to the funds
the American trustees have
an hold over the funds of the
A. College in America tho
it ceases to be a missionary
college the funds can be
withheld. But this money
raised upon a missionary
plea in England has no
one to control it, as the
Prof. Ogden remarked to me
it may be used by Sects
in the future; the natives
can use it as they like if
they get the College into their
own hands. What if two English

ladies collected large funds
in America from the Churches
in support of the English
Mission Colleges in Joppa
brought forward testimonials
in aid of such a work
from English societies, I do
not think such a thing would
be heard of & I cannot see
that the mere verbal
difference in the character
of the J. Coll. alters the case
so very materially. The
late Mr. Griffiths (Chris.) who
lived in Joppa 20 years ago
he that is has merely as an
outcome of the friendly relations which
used always exist between the
Missions that his name
appeared upon the Board
of Directors. He intended
to resign at the next meeting
but his death intervened.

He said to me "to put it plainly the Misses Leitch are raising this money upon false pretences" these were Mr. Griffith's words to me & he knew the nature of the College & his opposition in regard thereto. If an Application is sent for the J. Coll it can only be by misleading him & he will find his position must unfriend me when he discovers the truth. I expect the result would be that he would wish to do as he pleases. It

It is very unfortunate that the Misses Leitch have been so recommended to

this work of getting funds for
the Women's medical mission.
The writer thinks that the
harm they have done & the
miserable entanglement they
have got everyone into in
regard to the College medical
mission. "a curious network
of circumstances" as Miss
Leitch defines it, but a
network of their own weaving
in the meshes of which they
are still caught. The writer
thinks that this was sufficient
without adding to the
present entanglement another
which ~~which~~ will probably
prove to be of as complex
a pattern. Certainly not
very kind to the ~~I. F. M.~~
~~Society~~ Indian Female Normal
Society. Your letter of
recommendation must

necessarily put little myself
of the American Mission here
in a more awkward position
but this will not make me
any the less likely to take
the course which I believe is
the only right one for me
to take. The Mission Board
are not being taken by
surprise or without fair
& ample warning. I have
only not acted before my
consideration for them &
at their special request. I
refrained for many months
from saying anything to
my friends in England.
I hoped after that they would
restrain themselves & thereby
of many of their extravagancies. The enclosed

printed letter you will receive as ~~the~~ a copy of the one I sent you formerly. I have printed it because it states literally fully my position in the matter & saves repetition in acquainting friends interested upon the subject. I think that this printed letter might well be put before the Prudential Committee & the state of affairs properly considered. The American Board cannot throw off their responsibility as the Missionaries have done for the past 4 years while collecting funds, members of their mission have come before the English public in this connection.

Stay you ~~witness~~ see the
painful attention in dear
Hastings watched beside
him in his final illness
I could remark many other
matters for lament & re-
cuse medly this missionary
endeavour of the Mins Lieta
I doubt - but you must
ask as I have done
Can this thing be
afford ?

With Christian regards
Yrs faithfully
H. Marsden

Miss K. L. Myers
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Katie Meyers. 2085

Oodooville Jaffna Ceylon.
23. June. 1893.
Recd Aug. 5.

My dear Dr Clark.

We are in Jaffna at last. It did seem as if we never would get here. Yet our Heavenly Father was very good to us all along our journey, and we have every reason to thank Him, I am sure we do. Miss Howland came to the landing to greet us, and to bring me home.

There were about two hundred people at the landing, both Christian and non-Christian to welcome us. They expressed their joy in various ways; They put garlands of jessamine around our necks, gave us bouquets and had us march behind a native band up to a house they had decorated for the occasion where we had several addresses and some songs of welcome. Some of the songs were sung by little girls from

our day schools. It was a very delightful reception. After thanking our kind friends, and saying good-bye to Dr. and Mrs. Scott and the Misses Leitch, we started for Ooloodville, my new home. — Miss Howland has been here alone as you know since her dear father's death, doing the work of three ordinary women, and striving to lay the foundation of character and to fit these girls for lives of usefulness in the service of Christ. Every one sent out from this school must be not only a Christian but a Missionary — a light to shine in some dark place.

The prevailing tone of the school is one of cheerful obedience, while an earnest Christian spirit has been manifested in nearly all. The diligent & intelligent study of the Bible is also a joy. The girls are a joy and a comfort to their teachers. The Christian Endeavour

ciety
is kept enthusiastically. The older girls show great eagerness in working among the younger ones. I cannot help feeling that this school is a power for Christ and Christianity. I am so glad to be here. It looks now, as though I never would want to leave this land and the work again, never until it shall be finished. One of the difficulties is that the days are not long enough to do all I want to do. I see so much to be done. Our dear Miss Howland will not be able to hold out long with all she has to do, and I feel so helpless without the language. I long to be able to speak to these people in their own tongue.

In Ceylon as elsewhere we need more workers. May the dear Lord soon send us two or three more. Two are needed in school work and one for village and general work. Oh! where are those who have heard the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Our sisters here are ready for them. Will they wait until these opened doors are shut? these softened hearts hardened? "Every where the increased interest in study, the large attendance at the meetings, the cordial receptions in many homes are signs of brighter days. One lady's time could be fully

occupied by Bible women; and their work. We see so many opportunities on this side and that people calling on us to come, and we obliged to refuse. Now seems like the time for a great ingathering, when the doors are open and people ready to listen. It is the time for evangelistic work, and those who are here must look after the educational. Mrs. Sam. Howland of Batticcotta had one hundred and thirty women at a mother's meeting. The people here listen very attentively, and their bright intelligent faces are a pleasure to look at. Our Missionaries have done a grand work in days that are past, and we three new ones need the wisdom and grace to do our work as it ought to be done. Dr. and Mrs Scott already have a large number of patients, who not only need the healing of body, but also healing of the soul.

But my dear Dr. Clark I must close. With a grateful heart I can say, "The lines have fallen to me in pleasant places."

With kind regards to Mrs Clark and yourself

I remain yours in the Master's service.

Katie L. C. Myers.

Miss K. L. Myers. 209

Oodooville Jaffna Ceylon
May 21st 1894

Dear Dr. Clark: Filed July 5.

Among the many friends left in my native land I very often think of you, and I have long been wishing and designing to write to you. But if I wait untill I have time to write without interruption, I fear you will not hear from me very soon. Already one year has flown since I left the dear home land, I feel & know that there are many things undone that I ought to have done during the past year. But I have this to comfort me; the Father knows all about it.

Then too, I have been an almost constant sufferer since I land-

ed in Jaffna. It does seem as if I never would get acclimated. There have been days & days when my head & eyes troubled me so, that I could do nothing, but sit with dark glasses on.
I firmly believe that no place in the world does the sun shine so bright as in Ceylon. Things here seem bright even thro' dark glasses! But enough of my miseries. Let me tell you about our dear old Oodooville. We have just begun another school year, with more pupils than we ever had here before. Every day one or two persons come and ask, "Can't you take my daughter?" or, "my daughter begs to be sent to the school." But we are full to overflowing, & would gladly take all who come had we the room,

we found Miss Howland here all alone, & ready to sink beneath the heavy burden. And the Mission thought it wise for me to take up work at once without waiting to study the language. This I am sorry to say has been a great mistake, but we all felt that Miss H. must be relieved, & relieved at once. However nearly every man & boy in Jaffna knows English, and some of the women also speak English very well; so the language is not so necessary, as in some other countries. Besides, the cry of the country at present is for the English language. Nearly every one, yes, I can truthfully say every one that has a daughter in the school begs that she may be taught to speak English & taught music. Many are willing to have them become

Christians if the "new Ammah" will only teach them English & music. Last term I had forty-three girls learning to use the organ, & a class of twelve who were graduates, here for special study in English. This year only ten have come for English, two of the others have married, both married men who are head-masters in "English Mission Schools", one in Colombo the other in India, So you see dear friend our girls are being prepared for lives of usefulness But the work is just as discouraging as at home. And the native church is just as the Church at home. Indeed were it not for the oriental surroundings, I never would know it was a heathen land. The people are not any more anxious to become followers of Christ, than many in the home land are.

and we never find people here who beg to be taught the way of life. They seem to have little sense of sin; I doubt whether their conscience ever reproves them for lying, or any kind of deception. They do not trust each other, and do not expect to be trusted. It will be a long time yet before Jaffna Christians can stand alone. 'tis true many many do not have any faith in their idols, and many do not go to the temples at all, yet when I ask them 'why are you not a Christian' they nearly always reply, "Why shall I be what you call a Christian, I am just as good as so, & so," "he is a Christian & can cheat and lie; more than I." "How much will you give me if I become a Christian. Everybody here ask for

money, or help to go to College, or school. Indeed some have said to me, When I told them I had no money to give, "Why did you come here if you cannot give money to us? Giving your time to teach is nothing, we want money."
Gratitude is unknown among this people. They need to be taught how to be grateful.
I am drawing a dark picture? You will say what is the matter? But, I must write of the things just as I find them. We are expecting Dr. & Mrs. Scott home this week, they went to the Hills to study the Tamil, "now speak it, they say. Oh! how I envy them. It took me quite a long time to be willing to go to work without the language. But we cannot add more hours to the day. And I can't study at night. But my paper is full, & I must close for this time.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 5-27-'95
Ans'd

Oodooville Jaffna Ceylon
April 24th 1895

Dear Mr. Barton:-

You are always interested to hear from the different fields & I do not know whether anyone ever reports the work at Oodooville. In Feb. nine-ty-nine were examined for the government grant, & we have learned that the girls did a wee bit better than last year.

Graduation exercises were held on Feb. 28th many of the parents of the girls, as well as all of the missionaries being present. There were twelve graduates, all but two being Christians.

t the close of the School year in
February we had only 112 boarders,
as a number of the girls drop-
ped out during the year.
After the Graduation exercises
we had our fare-well service
for Miss Howland, who has gone
to the home-land. Lyrics com-
posed for the occasion were
sung, addressed read, & etc. etc.
Miss Howland will be missed at
Podoville during the year, not
only by the teachers & girls,
but by the one who is to hold
the fort until her return.
This last, will be hard for me
to do, as I have been out less
than two years, & as there was
more work than Miss Howland
could do at Podoville, I was

at once put to work, without the language, trusting I could pick it up." But it has been a mistake, & no one feels it more than I do. I love the language & crave time for study, but now with the entire burden on my shoulders, time for study is an unheard of thing. We need two more ladies at Odooville, as we have more work there, than in any other station of the mission. During the year forty-three of the girls of the Boarding School at Odooville united with the Church there, & several others ask permission to unite with the Church in the villages from which they came.

This is said to be the largest number, that have ever come out in one year.

All the others who were not Christians were in the inquirers class.

Several of the girls were not allowed to come back during the year, as they wanted to be Christians, & the parents were not willing to let them come out on the Lord's side.

An interesting feature of our work at Cadoville is the Young Ladies' Christian Endeavor Society among the girls. They are very earnest & are never absent from a meeting unless they are ill.

The Missionary Society raise money by the sale of needle-work

for the support of a Bible-woman ~~at~~ on one of the islands where there is no native church or pastor.

But enough of Ocoloville for today.

Believe me very sincerely Yours

Katherine L. E. Myers.

Miss Katie Meyers

Oodooville Jaffna Ceylon

J. L. B.
Rec'd 8-5
Ans'd

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24th June 1895-

Dear Dr. Barton:-

When you have read this, I fear you will say that's a very queer letter for a young lady to write to her Board Sec. But I have been so accustomed to write all my sorrows, as well as joys to our dear old Dr. Clark, & to have him advise me what to do, that I find it hard not to have my old friend in authority.

You of course know the Howland's are in America, & if anyone ever was missed they are. Dr. H. & his sister are ideal missionaries. I came in June 1893 & have lived with Miss Howland ever since. When it was decided she

go to the home-land for a year, arrangements had to be made for Dodoo. The Smith's wanted to come here, but we all knew the school would suffer if they did, (Mr. S. is not a Dr. Howland) & after a great deal of "fuss" it was decided to ask Miss Grieve M. D. (an independent missionary) to reside here for a year, & assist me if she cared to. She came June 2th & is with me half of her time, however she does nothing in the school. Whether she remains a year, time will only show, She as well as some other missionaries do not see the need of so many missionaries in such a wee spot of the earth. After having seen such big spots where

the Gospel has never been heard.
During our last holiday Dr. Grieve
and I visited various missions in
India, & learned something of the
needs of the people there.
We were surprised to find so much
to be done, & so few to do it.
While here in little Jaffna we have
so many missionaries in the va-
rious denominations, & such a
large body of Christian natives,
all but one, educational in-
stitution under some mission.
It is not necessary for a Euro-
pean to either teach, or preach
in Jaffna, as a native can al-
ways understand his people
better than a European can.
And we have more educated
Christian natives than we

o remain here I will not be given
me for study of the language, my
yes gave out the first year I was
here & I found after being five
r six hours in the school, I was
o tired for study. But you know
e can do only a bit of good work with-
ut the language of the people, & it
s almost use-less to try personal
ork thro an interpreter.
Languages are not a bug-bear to me,
'is true Miss Agnew lived here for-
ty-three years, & never knew their
language, but how much more
ight have been done had she
known Tamil. She was a born
teacher, which I am not, & have
ever attended school in my life,
ut was taught by my father
t home. So you see you have

black-smith, at a gold-smiths
trade here. I have been in
city mission work in Cincinnati
for six years, working among the
Germans & Italians, whose lan-
guages I know. My training was
for house-to-house work, useing
my medical knowledge, as a wedge
to open the doors, & hearts of the
people. I have said very lit-
tle about my intentions to the
brethren here, but when you see
Dr. Howland, or Miss Howland, they
will tell you my views on this
subject. They know that educa-
tional work is most trying to
me, & as for English & music, I
know nothing of either. The cry
of the country is for these two
things, as the young men

e refusing to marry girls who do
ot know English. So you see
hat I am doing at present, is,
increase their chances of mat-
rimony, & to earn grant for the
chool. So far I have succeeded
n my undertakings; My girls are
eing married off, & last year we
arned more grant than ever.
But this is not preaching Christ.
Any one of our natives can do
hat I have done.
r. Hastings ask me to come to Jaffna
or village work, & I was only to
ive at Codoo. until some one
ho knew some thing about this
ork could be found.
Another thing I do not approve
is the way our Missionaries beg
oney from home friends to pay

girls & boys in our Schools & Colleges. The Jaffna people are far from being poor people. And we who believe in making the people independent, are always "rubbing our brethren the wrong way." All the fee we ask at Odoo. B. School is Rs. 24 for entire school year, for this small sum they receive board, clothes, bedding, books, paper, yes, even hair-oil. The parent could not support a child at home on less, & they admit it is true. We have 130 girls in our school this year & 69 of them pay only half of the fee required, & 16 do not pay one penny. You will ask where does the rest come from? From home friends.

I have written to the ladies of Pur-

em Conference, who have pledged
themselves for my board & keep,
that if they send me any money
for girls in my school at Oodooville
I shall return it at once. There
are thousands of poor Christians
in India who cannot give their
children an education, & these are
must help. It may have been
true also of Jaffna in times past,
but certainly isn't today.
In May I took my entrance class.
And of names sent in for ad-
mittance, a large number had
written against their names, "can
pay nothing" or "can pay part, or
half tuition". And when these
same girls failed to pass, the
parents came begging me to take
them, & they would pay Rs. 36.

til they could pass my test examination. This instance & many others show me plainly what they can do, if we refuse elf; But here I stand alone. Can you read between the lines dear Dr. Barton?

Please do not think I am finding fault; I am not. only care have you know some-thing of the truth. I have never seen o much suffering, & want, or ed, in Ceylon, as we find in y own native City. (Cincinnati)

But enough for today.

Yours in Christ-name

-Katie L. E. Myers

(Princ. O. G. B. School.)

Miss Kate Myers,
Oodooville Jaffna Ceylon

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L. B. 5-7-97 26

26th Feb. 1897

Dear Dr. Barton –

If you could only run in to see us a little while. Our school year is ended, Goverment Exams are over, & our girls are going home for a few weeks vacation. Our veranda is lined with fathers, mothers, brothers & sisters who have come to see them home. My task this morning is, to examine every box as the coolies come to carry them out, to see whether it contains more than it ought. Even the best Hindu girl thinks it no sin to take what does not belong to her. And as Oodooville Boarding School furnishes books free, I very often find them in these boxes of the girls. They know now that we

ill examine their boxes, so todays
earch gave me only three books.
I have been begging the Mission to
make it a rule that the girls buy
their own books, as they do so in the
ther Missions. But they have been
given so many years it will be
hard to change. (Oodoo. Board. School
ill be seventy-five years old in '99)
The Mission have decided to al-
ow me to begin an Eng. department
here in Oodoo. There is such a de-
mand for English we must do it
keep up with the times. You
ill be interested to learn that
e will ask them to pay for all
they get. I refuse to let them
receive Mission Scholarships, or
ny Mission help. As they want-
ng, as a luxury, or accomplishment
for their daughters, to increase their

ances of matrimony. I say 'let them
ay for it.' Many of our girls are
elpers daughter, & yet the larger
majority are children of rich
overment officials who can pay
or the education of their children
if they must.

We begin this School April 1st
bout a month earlier than the
Boarding school. At present I
have twenty applications for ad-
mitance. Rates of tuition - Rs. 24.
for day pupils, & Rs. 50. for board-
ers per year. Books extra.

In the boarding sch. we charge
only Rs. 24. per year for everything
tuition, board, washing, books & etc.
So you see my rates are very
much higher, As I make them
provide their Eng. books too.
We hope in time to make it a-

grant-in-aid school. That is, the Mission do. I don't.

I have been given permission to employ two "girl" teachers at Rs. 8 per month, + Miss Howland will teach the Bible lessons, but the rest of the work I am to do until we see our way clear to employ a master. I will write you about it again when the wheels are moving.

But now dear Dr. Barton this unlimited stickler for self-support in Missions wants to go to America next spring to do a wee bit of learning herself!

I ask Dr. Hastings to write you as I was unwilling to have our present Mission Sec. do it. I cannot endure to have the native population know all my plans,

d our Mission succeeded in re-
instating Dr. Howland as Sec. you
would have rec. the letter from
him instead of from Mr. Hastings.

The "Laura Memorial Medical
College" of Cin. will give me a
scholarship. I studied a year
in that institution ere I came
out here. I am not a teacher
yet with a bit more of Medical
training I might go to some
benighted spot & be of some
use.

But the worst is I am in need
of spiritual food. I began with-
out the language & the conse-
quence is I never get a sermon
or anything good. I hope you
will always insist on all new
workers learning the language
of the people before work presses

that they cannot find time.

I have absorbed the collo-
quial Tamil. but that helps me
only in school matter. The writ-
ten language is very different.

And now my work is English
I will not be able to study the
language of the common people.

What a pity you were not-
able to go home via Ceylon, &
then we might have had a
peep at our new See. And you
would have seen the work of
the three Missions of Jaffna.
There are at present thirty-
five workers in these three
Missions.

We may well be called the
over-fed Mission"

But here I must stop & will
promise to write again.

Very sincerely Katie Myers.

Miss Katherine Myers, 218

Vodooville Jaffna Ceylon

30-4-97

Rec'd 6-5-97
Ans'd 10-28

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Your letter reminding me that I have not written you for a long time, reached me some days ago. I plead guilty. For in looking over accounts of money paid out for home letters, I find of $16.87 only 10 cts. went to our Sec. Dr. Barton. But I shall make haste to redeem myself & shall write you as if you were an old friend & not a Board Sec.

The last three days I have been more than busy. for in addition to my school duties, have had a very sick girl to look after. She was attacked suddenly with high fever. Temp. 106? pulse 116. We very often have high

temp. (105°) here, caused by severe indigestion, & so I am not easily frightened, but will confess to be a bit troubled about this girl.

If the temp. runs high from indigestion I take care of them myself. But in case it develops to be any serious fever, I take them home as we have no sick-room in the Sch. & I do not like to expose the other girls.

This morning I had Miss Howland take her home, I could not take her as I had classes, & besides they know only Tamil & I feared they might misunderstand my Tamil-Eng. They were very kind & really grateful for what had been done, & told Miss H. one of the reasons she was brought to our Sch. was, that she was easily attacked by fever, & they also knew she had

weak heart, & "she would be taken
ge of here by Myers Ammah."

You can fancy my work here is
far from monotonous. I just get clar-
d in teaching a class, when some-
thing is wanted, or some one needs
immediate attention.

I promised in my last - to give you
n account of our new Eng. School.
I enclose a time-table of work in
hat department. If you add to
the superintending of the domestic
epartment of the other Boarding
ch. The singing classes, & calisten-
ics; The accounts and paying of
teachers & helpers in the two Sch.,
superintending repairs, & sch. supplies -
last but not least my work as
resident physician, you will get
n idea of what my days work is.

Nothing is so hard for me as the
teaching of classes. Dr. Scott died

not like me to take classes this year but we cannot afford a master in the Eng.

Our Government Grants are lower than last year. Owing to the fact that I was unable to be on duty in the various classes. Besides our Ceylon Government insists that all Sch. have a man as manager. Mr. G. S. Smith is manager of Codoville and altho he was reminded on four special occasions that our pupil teachers must be registered, he forgot to do so & we lost over two hundred rupees there by, & again he neglected to ascertain about Eng. in the Anglo. V. B. School & we lost a heap by that carelessness.

Then when I ask to have either Dr. Scott or Mr. Hastings made manager, the brethren comfort me

saying "Bear with him another year, he intends going home next year". They are all so afraid of his tongue & pen.

So I am "bearing with him". do not know how much we will lose this year. But the worry of losing is harder than the work.

Our new Eng. Sch. opened on 1st April, with seven-teen boarders & ten day scholars.

For this Sch. we are using a building which was in former years Father Spaulding's Study. It was pronounced unsafe some years ago, & has not been used for some time. The brethren gave me permission to have it repaired, & I have done so at very small cost.

We could not afford new tim-

me good thoughts, I had it
inted for distribution among the
Mission Bands of Puritan Conference
who are pledged for my board &
keep.

The Vernacular Boarding Sch.
pen on 20th April. This is the
eginning of a new year of work.
So far one hundred-nine have
come in but we expect several
more in a few days.

A letter just rec. from Dr. Howland
who is in India saying that Mrs.
Howland is better but will not be
able to come down to Jaffna yet.
It seems that Mr. Smith has been
blasting & a large stone came
into the room thro the roof, break-
ing a table, vases, & doing a good
deal of damage in other ways, &
on Mrs. Howland nervous state

has proved a great shock to the
system. & will delay their coming
down some what. It seems they
had gone to the neighbours to get a-
way from the noise of it all, &
very naturally when they got back
to their rooms & found the dam-
age, she would think of what
might have happened, had they
been in. Of course she will
find it harder to bear, as neither
Dr. Howland nor any of brethren
were in favour of the tennis
court, that is, we all thought
a thousand rupees to much to
spend on it. We need another
house at Kodai Kanal much
more than a tennis-court.
Neither the Hitchcock family nor
I could go for a rest there, as
we had no place to go to. Yet Mr. Hitchcock
did need a change after his work.

in Dr. Howland's absence.

But now Dr. Barton I have written you all the news, & told you many of our mission secrets, & will close for today.

Yours very sincerely

Kathrene Myers.

Miss Katherine L. E. Myers

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1-1-98

Rec'd
Ans'd

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Dear Dr. Barton:-

I be enclosed a sample of the work done by my Eng. Sch. Girls.

Please give it to Mrs. Barton with my best Xmas wishes.

I would like her to see what your girls here can be taught. We call ourselves Dr. Barton's girls.

Sincerely

Katherine L. E. Myers.

Vodooville
Jaffna Ceylon

Respectfully yours
K. Myers

Miss Kate Myers 275
Oodooville Jaffna Ceylon
4-2-98

Rec'd 3-1-1-98 Ans'd

Dear Dr. Barton:-

You write that you are surprised to hear that I am going to resign, & want to know the reason.

The first & greatest one is that I am too tired to go on another year. It is true I had ten days a year ago last Aug. on the hills of Ceylon, & was benefited, yet what I need is a long rest. This I cannot get here; there is more work than one lady can do, or ought to do, & I can see no way out but resign & let the Board send some one out in my place.

Having had a constitution of iron, it goes hard, to have to drag into the days & weeks, doing a-

out half of what one ought to do. I do not believe in going on in this way for another two or three years, until completely broken down, when I do get home, be unable to any thing. I have no home, to which I can go, & would not like be a burden to friends.

Only I do hope the Board will never again leave a young lady alone at Odooville. There is no economy in making one person do two or three peoples work.

My nerves have been so shattered that I am afraid of my own shadow, — I have a guard sleep at my door, two girls from the school in my room, & yet wake up at the slightest noise in a cold perspiration.

Now Dr. Barton I do not care

parade my aches & pains, having been taught it was impolite to do so, but you insist on knowing the reason why I want to go.

Another reason, & one which I hope you will not misunderstand is, that my conscience will not allow me to take a position which I cannot fill; Our brethren here think "any body is better than nobody". But if you care to look up my credentials, you will see from them that teaching College subjects is not my forte. Having to take the early & late hours, to prepare what I was, or rather am, to teach the next day is what wears on me, more than the five or six hours in school.

My last reason is a young lady fresh from College will

not need to take the spare hours
prepare lessons, but could study
visit among the people.
The language is not a difficult
one, but it is said that the American
missionaries learn it with more
ease, than those who come from
England & Scotland. One of the
reasons is we are not so afraid
of using what we have learned.
The Tamil people have been more
than kind to me, & I feel I shall be
leaving many friends behind.
One of the Masters in our School once
told me with tears in his eyes, "We
love you Madam because you are
so like our own Miss Agnew,"
I thanked him for the great
compliment, when he turned &
said – "Yes, the very shake of the
head, your activity, & you even

cold as she did." It is needless to say I had reproved them, for staying away from school without telling me, he expected to be absent, & found Miss Agnew had done the same thing in her time. Now I must tell you one thing more, ere I close this epistle.

The ladies of Puritan Conference who are pledged for my board & keep here, ask that I give at least two months to the Churches of this Conference. I am no good at big folks meetings, but will devote my time to the children. Can the A.B.C.F.M. let me have a lantern & some slides on Ceylon & India, to use in these meetings? were paid for by the

my Girls here are doing many little things
to help me get ready for these meetings
for the wee folk at home. I only hope
their interest in Missions may be a-
roused by their doing for others.

But this letter is quite long enough.
I had to close my Eng. Sch. account-
book, as the brethren wanted to audit
before voting whether it should be
continued another year. End
Everything is paid up to the first
of April next, & you will see we
have a wee balance on hand.
I enclose a Memo: or copy of the Bal-
ance sheet rather, for you to see
what it has cost for the year, as
I knew you would be interested.

The money for tuition has been
paid in gladly by the parents of the
girls. We had only two free pu-
pils, these were paid for by the

Misses Leitch. My greatest trial just now is that Mr. Smith insist it must be made Grant in Aid. This means reduce the fees to half of what they are now, & the result will be, that at the end of another year, there will be a debt in stead of a balance in hand. On careful inquiry I find there is not a Grant in Aid school in Jaffna which can get on without help from home, & only Udupitty is not in debt. Mr. J. S. Smith's school is so heavily in debt, even with its help from America, that he is going to try to raise money for it while at home this year. The Wesleyans are continually getting help from England for their schools, &

C. M. S. to, receive hundreds of rupees from England for their schools. The thing to do is - to let the lady who takes my place be able to teach the College Entrance class & in that way dispense with the master. The teaching staff need not cost over two-hundred rupees then, & the school could live. The average we can receive for a girl per year from Government is about rupees ten & twelve, as the whole school almost has been presented before in the vernacular, & they do not give a second time. Our V. G. B. D. is a Grant in Aid school, & we closed with a debt of over five-hundred rupees this year, even after all the endowment interest was counted in. I enclose a picture that you may see

feared might prove a cancerous tumor, or some thing else of that type, & as I was in a very nervous state, could not make up my mind to put myself into the hands of one of our Ceylon physicians, as they are too young in the profession. As I have had two years in medicine here in Cin. I was not quite ignorant of the fact, that delay might mean danger, & more suffering.

I reached the home-land in Dec. & am gaining in health & strength, tho still having fever, unless under the influence of Quinine.

Yours in the work

Katherine Myers
(of Ceylon Mission)

Address c/o. Dr. John Roberson
Lombardy Building
Cin. O.

Of course our good Sec. Mr. Hastings has written you fully about our needs in dear old Dodoo. & I have been hoping to hear that some young lady has been sent to fill my place.

I expect to send you my resignation soon, & hope to persuade Puritan Conference ladies to support my successor. As they have so cheerfully supported me, it may not prove a difficult task.

I shall not weary you with

Miss Kathrine L. Myers
"The Lombardy" Cincinnati O.

Rec'd 3-6-99
Ans'd

March 2nd 1899

Dr. James Barton.

Sec. A.B.C.F.M. Boston

Dear Dr. Barton

As I have rec. no reply to my letter of Dec. 1st am wondering whether it ever reached you. It was mailed at Yokohama by one of the hotel boys. In it I told you why I returned without waiting for formal leave from the Prud. Com.

As you may not have received my letter of above date, will state again why I left when I did.

It was necessary for me to under-go an operation for what

I paid my own fare from Seattle Wash. to Cin. & then with the expense of the operation I had to undergo, besides a lot of dentistry my small bit of means has been eaten up.

I am not so fortunate as some other ladies of the Board — I have no home to go to, while in this country. And of course you understand that boarding costs.

Please let me know soon, if the Board will grant an allowance. Other-wise I shall have to decline itinerating, as I am living on borrowed money even now.

My health at present is good, & I am looking forward to some more hard work in the future

Yours very respectfully
(Miss) Kathrene Myers.

Miss Katherine Myers, 217
Cincinnati, Apr. 18, 99

Lexington Ave. fo. Mrs. Frame
Norwood Cin. O.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 04-22-99
Ans'd 22

April 18th 1899

Rev. James L. Barton D. D.
Secretary A. B. C. F. M. Bost
Dear Dr:-

Just a line or two to let you know my address, in case any one should ask you for it, & to ask if I am entitled to an allowan while in the home-land.

However shall ask you to con fer with the W. B. M. I. about it.

They are planning work among the Churches for me, & of course I must have something for clothes & etc. even tho they pay rail-road fare.

Miss Katharine Myers
Lexington Ave. Norwood, Cin. O.

May 24th 1899

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Dear Dr. Barton.

Your kind letter was
ve. some time ago, & would have
en answered ere this but I have
een waiting to hear the decision of
the W. B. M. I. ladies. They have not
ecided yet, but Miss Wingate hopes
report soon.

Now Dr. Barton are you ready to be
thered by this insignificant bit
humanity? You know you offered
help me decide.

First of all, do you think that the
. B. C. F. M. would care to retain
e as one of its missionaries even
o I did not return to Ceylon?
u know our work there is all ed-

ucational - and I am not a schola
Besides when I went out, or when
I was asked to go it was for the
village work, and was told I ou
need stay at the dear old school
until some one else could be
found to come out for it. If you
still have my letters written you
when you first went into office
you will remember what I wro
you then.

Now dear Dr. Barton, do not mi
understand me, but you know
we are all fitted to fill our litt
corner in this world, & mine
certainly not in the class room

Now I want advise - When I
was in Chicago, Miss Wingate
asked me whether I would lik

la remain in this country, and
ve as my work, going around
among the Churches, arousing
our interest. really I do not
know what would be best.
My plan is, to enter the Pres.
Hospital here in the Autumn, &
study to learn as much as I
can of new methods & ways of
work. Several of my old Prof.
are anxious to help me in this
line. As all of my Missionary
training has been Evangelistic
Medical. I might do something
in that line.
For the Summer I understand
am to go among the churches,
and am to start out again next
week, for northern Ohio.

But enough for today. I a
glad Miss Root is to go to C
& hope she is already on th
way.

When they have Mr. Hastin
at the College, & another famil
at Uduppiddi, & one in Jelly
with the two or three young
ladies at Eruvil Hospital
two ladies at Uduvil. The
force will be well supplie
and is really all Jaffna ne
unless there might be a gir
industrial school.

Is there any hopes of Mr. J. S
Smith returning?

Yours in Christ
Katherine Myers

Wm. Poor Nathaniel
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Manipay 30th July 1891

To the Revd A. G. Clark D. D.
Boston Mass.

Dear Sir,

The work of the Lord was carried on as usual during the past six months. At Sandrupay, the new chapel which was in the course of construction last year, was dedicated this year for Christian worship & is now used by the Christians there - We hope this will be an incentive for the furtherance of Christ's cause. The building requires a bell urgently - We will be very thankful if some one would supply us with one - The work was started & finished by Mrs S. W. Howland - Of course the natives also gave & had a share in it - I had the privilege of administering the Lord's Supper last month for the first time there - The Christians were very joyful to commemorate our Lords dying love in their new church.

There was no addition to the church tho we have candidates, their reception being postponed for their further growth in grace -

In January last - a small lad the son of Mr Fitch died of lung fever. The funeral was well attended both by Christians & the surrounding heathens. The words spoken on that occasion, were so blessed by the Lord that some were induced to search the Scriptures. A few who applied for copies of the N. Testament, were supplied & we have seen some reading them. We believe the Lords Word will not return void -

One Mr Jacob Sammugampulle a long standing Christian of this church who was all his life connected with the Printing Office here died on the 29th April last - He was a consistent strong & meek Christian indiscriminately serving those who require his services & doing acts of mercy to the poor. This was another occasion the Lord used to make us watchful. He was greatly esteemed by all classes as a good Christian and an upright man -

The two conventions held in Jaffna were productive of good to those that attended them - As a result the Word of God has been more prized & studied - The Y. M. C. A. which was here nearly dead, has been reorganized -

The pastoral support is not as it should be. The Church Committee regrets also to find so

so many of the members going after mixed ~~mixed~~ marriages - Within the last 6 months five mixed marriages have taken place - This sin has even entered into the best of Christian families - One looks at the bad example of another & rush into this - Civil marriages calling the Govt Registrar for Registration, is the order of the day here - May the Lord interfere & prevent his church from further falls - Kindly pray for us.

yours sincerely
W. P. S. Nathanael

Monepay, July 30, 1871.

Rec'd Sep. 12.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 1-17-96
Ans'd

Manepay 7th August 1895

To the Secretary of the Am. Board

Dear Sir,

In casting a retrospective view over the past year, I cannot but thank God, for the many mercies vouchsafed to us as a church.

In some families there were several cases of fevers of a virulent nature & we are thankful to say thro the skillful treatment of Drs Scott, all the cases turned out favourable. These cases have brought us to humble ourselves before God & ask for mercy. In this connection, I cannot but own your kind gift of a medical family, is really a boon to the Christian church here & the Country at large. Their blessed influence is reaching far & wide for good.

In the middle of the year, the deaths of our much esteemed Mr & Mrs Strong one after the other, each aged about 70 & within a few months, were a great loss to the Church. Their exemplary Christian life & service were of great value towards the spiritual good of the Church. Their parental love & sympathy, counsel & attachment to

Christian families is universally admitted - Mr Strong as a Christian printer & proprietor of the Printing office at Manepay is largely known in India & Ceylon. They both died in full belief of the redeeming merits of our Lord for their salvation - They have left behind them, so thirty members as children grand & great grand children, as living testimonies of the blessings of God granted to the household of faith -

During the year, three have been added to the Church on profession of faith, two of those are from Christian families & one a girl from a heathen family - Her case is a proof to the fact that the seeds of truth broadcast in our village schools are not without effect - the hidden truth in her young heart, wonderfully germinated by the earnest prayers of our Christian mothers in prayer meetings held in her house

That the Church is going forward in well-doing, is evident by the cheerful increase in giving, when they heard the financial difficulties of the American Board, in proportion to the amount cut down by our Mission for this church to meet - Also by the opening

opening of a school at Shaney a village at no great distance from the station for the lower caste children when their claims were pressed forward for earnest consideration - The expenses for maintaining it, is solely met by special subscriptions over & above the usual giving - We trust the Lord will give us a good School here altho there is an opposition to it at present as for all other good ~~[illegible]~~ undertakings -

We hope at no distant date, the Santilipay branch of this Church, will be separated from the mother church, for the formation of a church by itself with a Pastor of its own - The Christians at Amaitbari 1½ miles distant from this, are building a Chapel for themselves partly from local contributions & I hope this will be a help for the spiritual advance of the Christians there - The Church needs running showers of spiritual rain & I ask for your prayers for such a blessing.

I am yours in Christ

K. P. S. Nathanail

Tillipally Aug.2oth,1895.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Herewith the annual pastoral letter",so to speak of Pastor Warren Poor Nathaniel of the Manippai MChurch. It is our custom to have each ordained pastor write one a year to the Secretary direct Mr Nathaniel should properly have forwarded lis letter through Dr. S the Manippai missionary but as he has sent it to me as Mission Secretary I will forward it without farther delay. Mr. Nathaniel was educated in the Batticotta High School . After some years of lucrative employment on a coffee estate he became a christian through the faithful labors of the agents of the Tamil Cooly Mission", married a daughter ofM the late Mr. Hensman a native pastor of the C.M.S. and then resigning his lycrative position accepted 18 instead of 60 rupees as a catech at Manippai while we were living there.After studying two years under Mrs. Smith and myself while working as a catechist he entered a theological class still supplying the Man. ch. and being supported wholly by it and after three years of study was ordained as pastor of the Man.ch of which he has ever since retained charge.He is not one of our ablest pastors but he is I think most sincere and earnest . A change of charge would be beneficial but one of the drawbacks of Congregationalism as developing in this field is a tendency to too strong a tenure of the pastoral office. The pastors are prone to consider it a life tenure and one of the problems before us is to secure a method for effecting changes which the churches and all the pastors except the incumbents themselves deem desirable without doing violence to the pr principles of our order and the real rights not to say the feelings too of the pastors themselves. Our ecclesiastical polity is a sort of hybrid between Congregationalism and Presbyterianism some thing of the type of the old Connecticut Consociation with its permanent council which however is advisory and not authoritative. This peculiar form is our heritage from the days in which the New-school Presbyterians were often in a majority on the missionary staff of theis mission We Congregationalist of a later day have retained the old form while taking away the old authority. Excuse this essay I only thot to give Mr. Nathaniel a word or two of introduction to you. Yours,

Manippai, Aug. 1, 95

Isaac Paul

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To
Dr. Clark.

Erlaly South, Jaffna.
July 17, 1891

Revd. and Dear Sir,

Some time ago I mentioned to you about the organization of this Church. This time I wish to speak about the contribution. The principal sources of income are "Rice Collection", Farmers' Charity and the Tithe of the Teachers' Salary. There are eight Christian families here and some individual Christians all of them young men and young women. In the families rice is cooked generally for supper only and for breakfast and dinner yams and other cereals are used. The chief woman in the family, before putting rice into the pot takes a 'handful of rice' and puts it into a small basket intended for the purpose, and at the end of the month gives the whole amount to the church. The amount thus raised in each family varies from 5 cents to 20 for a month. The principal crop here is the tobacco which of course, you would not like to hear. The farmers after selling the tobacco pay the one-tenth to the church which varies from Rs. 3

to Rs. 6 from one family for a year. They also pay one-tenth in kind of the cereals and yams. The teachers pay regularly one-tenth of their salary which varies from 30 cents to one rupee for a month from each. Although a poor church in a heathen village, I am glad to say that they do well in their charity comparatively.

Reserving other things for the future.

Yours Sincerely

Isaac Paul.

Cordaly, July 17, 1871.
Rec'd Sep. 1, 120.

The Secretary of
A. B. C. F. M.

Erlarily South
Aug. 19, 1895.

Rev. and Dear Sir,

Our congregation consists of about fifty communicants and about thirty baptized children. Our village is about three miles from the Mission Station. Odanille & equally distant from Tillipally Some fourteen or fifteen years ago, your Missionaries Dr. & Mrs. S. W. Howland had a series of tent-meetings in this village, and as a result of these meetings some twelve persons confessed their faith in Christ, and joined the Church some time after. From that time onwards Sabbath services were held regularly here, and from ~~to~~ time to time new members were added. When the congregation was old enough, they were advised by the Mission to call a Pastor, and the lot fell on my humble self. I am a young man of about thirty years, a son of a Bible woman, a graduate of Jaffna College and again of the Theological class. I was ordained as Pastor of this new Church, some seven years ago. We are doing pretty well in every branch of work.

Your Missionary read to us the resolution

passed in the Conference of Secretaries in New York and I wish to give you some illustrations to show you that we are gradually coming up in that direction of self support. Last January your Missionary visited our Congregation and informed them of the retrenchment of Funds and urged them to bear some part of the Mission Allowance and suggested that the proper way would be to bring the tithe of the various crops at once to the Church, without waiting until the Thank-offering day. Almost all carried out his suggestion and brought the tithes, as soon as they were ready.

A certain young woman lay ill for some time. Four chickens were bought for broth. She spoke to the mother and said "Please reserve one for the Lord. I am sure He would give me double the strength than that chicken would give" The mother also, a good Christian did according to the wish of the daughter and last Friday, one large fowl and seven more were brought to the Church, and the sum realized by sale was Rs. 2·50. The single chicken at first cost only 18 cts. and it was multiplied fourteen-fold. Thanks to the Lord that there

are two or three examples similar to this.

The question which your Missionary often asks us is "Where are the other members of the family" and "Where are your relatives?". There are two or three influential men here, who are very close relatives of our Christians. They tried as much as they could to persuade a Christian family for a marriage alliance with a very large amount of money and the spirit shown by that family is very commendable. They are working against us and spend much money in temples and festivals. The non-Christian relatives of our Christians have now formed a resolution not to dine in the house of Christians which they had been doing hitherto.

We are trying to sow the Seed faithfully and we greatly desire for an out-pouring of the Holy Spirit that the Seed may grow.

Reserving other things for the future,

I am

Your Obedient Servt.

Isaac Paul

Rec'd Aug. 18, 1884

Orlando, South, Aug. 19. 1895.

Rec'd Sept. 21.

B. H. Rice

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Batticotta
August-17-1895

To

The Rev James L Barton D.D

Dear Sir

I am asked to give the Annual Report of the Batticotta Church from July 1894 to July 1895. The Batticotta Church is one of the oldest Churches of the American Mission in Jaffna A native Pastor was ordained over this Church on the 16th May 1867. The statement made in the Church Record by the late Rev W. W. Howland the Missionary Pastor at that time shows how the Native Pastor was chosen. "After reading Acts 1:23-26 and 13:1,3 and prayer by the Chairman the vote was taken. Thirty five votes were handed in of which Mr Benjamin H. Rice received thirty two and was chosen and at the request of the Chairman for his answer he signified his acceptance.

It is twenty years and three months since the Native Pastor was ordained. The Church is self-supporting since that time. The members of the Church at that time were Male 70 Female 46 and the total 116 The present number is Male 129 Female 49 and the total 178. During the period of 28 years three branches of this Church have separated and formed themselves into three distinct Churches namely Changany, Moolay and Valany. The Araly branch also is prepared to be formed into a distinct church. A chapel is in process of erection and is nearly complete. From 1859 untill 1872 the Training school teachers and students formed a part of this Church From 1872 untill the present time, the teachers of the Jaffna College and a good proportion of its members have constituted a part of this church. The present mem-

members of the Batticotta Church consist of the teachers and wives of the Jaffna College and a number of its students, of some of the teachers of the English High School and wives, of the Mission agents and of a few independent members. In the period of one year preceding this time eight members joined the Church on profession of faith. Four from the Jaffna College and four from other sources. Seven of them were male and one female. There have been four deaths in this period of time. A young woman called Georgianna Sinnatamby named after the late Mrs Georgianna Sanders died in August 5 1894. She joined the Church on the 11th of August 1889 She has been a consistent Christian and a member of the helping Hand started & conducted by Mrs Howland. She died of consumption. Dr Scott examined her about a month before she died and told her that she could not live long. She was not frightened at knowing the end which was shortly to come. She received the message calmly and was prepared for death. At the last moment she whispered "Hast thou left the ninety and nine and come after the lost one". She has been well instructed in the way of salvation, her disposition has been amiable and her piety steady and growing and her end peaceful. We thought that her life would be useful to her neighbors and friends. Godes way is not as our way. Her death has been bitterly lamented by her husband, parents and others. Her husband joined the Church on the 17th February 1895. The last request of the wife had an irestible influence over the man. A Girl named

Lucy Annapilly died of consumption on the 18th january 1895. She was a graduate of the Uduipitty Boarding school After graduation she was transferred to the Batticotta Church because the residence of her parents is in Batticotta.. She died in the house of her parents. When I visited her a couple of days before her death she was found extremely weak. I spoke to her and she did not reply. I knelt down by her side and prayed. She opened her eyes and talked to me she said "I have grown weak and worse after your last visit; I expect that my spirit will leave the body and go to the saviour but I strongly desire to be free from the present suffering". I told her that I hoped that her spirit would go to the saviour and her suffering would have an end and asked what was her desire about the body which was to be left behind. She said "You can hardly manage things with these obstinate people and as they have taken care of me during my illness, they would choose to dispose of my body in their own way".. After a couple of days she died and the heathen friends burned the body.

Joseph Nannyan died on the 15th january 1895. He was an old man who belonged to the class of climbers. He joined the Church on the 16th December 1894. He was not a very intelligent man. When he was asked to wait untill the next communion he pleaded that he should not lose the present opportunity, as he was an old man and would not possibly live untill the next communion. And he urged the matter so strongly

that the sub-committee appointed to see him yielded. After a month fully expired he died with the hope of being with the saviour. I visited him about six hours before he died He said that the Saviour would forgive his sins and that he would die and be with the saviour at the right hand. Samuel Yesudasan died in the night of the 18th May 1895 He was married to the second daughter of the late Rev Augustas Anketell Pastor of the Tillipally Church when died ~~deceased~~. His wife died a few weeks before his death. Central India was their residence for some years past where the wife died. When he suffered of some illness in India he came home to Jaffna & placed himself at the hospital. His parents who were once Church-members and who have since become apostates were with him in the Hospital. Both of them have confessed their son has been firm in his faith on Christ and that he has frequently uttered secret prayers imploring the mercy of God. There is an apparent tenderness of feeling in the parents. Mr Wyman the magistrate of one of the Jaffna courts is a member of Batt Church. His son named Cumarasamy died in 1885 a short time before his graduation in his course of study in the Jaffna College. He was an earnest and consistent yn. Two of his daughters also died having lived consistent Christian life. One daughter alone is surviving among

among his four children by the first bed. She is also an earnest Christian and the desire and zeal to proclaim ~~to proclaim~~ the truth of salvation to the sisters in the neighborhood burns in her heart. In my last visit she expressed her strong desire to go to Udupitty the Native place of her parents and to proclaim the news of salvation to the women her relatives. She earnestly desires that her work among them must be successful in the salvation of souls. She has requested me to pray earnestly for that object. A Church member named James Thampapilly has been lately excommunicated from the Church for an open life and acts of heathenism and eleven members are under suspension. The reduced appropriation to the Jaffna Mission has called the attention of the Church to its duty to the weak Churches. The Church Committee has made an arrangement to meet the want. There are five Bible women working in this field. In connection with the work of two women the helping hand was started six years ago. Nearly thirty women come together for sewing every saturday. Religious instruction has been given to them in connection with sewing and been blessed to the salvation of souls. Nine women have joined the Church since the meeting was started and six men of the same caste have joined by the influence of women over them and by means of work done among them. The Gospel Band organized by

the Y. M. C. A of the Jaffna College does the Evangelistic work in an Island called Eluvathivoo ten miles distant from Batticotta. The Band conducts a school which receives Govt grant and the teacher conducts meeting on the sabbath. We have a flourishing Sunday school consisting of 24 classes and 450 members composed of the students of the Jaffna College of the English High School and of two village schools and of other members of the Congregation. Mr Cooke the Head teacher of the Eng High school is the superintendant and conducts it successfully. A part of the College students conduct sunday school in five places in the vicinity of Batticotta Church and there are nearly 250 students in these schools. A friend from India has provided 24 copies of Tamil Bible for the Station sunday school. The work of Drs Mrs Howland in this station for a period of six years has been very acceptable & fruitful. We deeply regret for their separation from us in the midst of usefulness on account of ill health. We hope however that they will be restored in health and return speedily to the work which they love strongly. What we greatly need is the outpouring of the spirit on the different organizations of our work. We are thankful for the kind services of the Rev. R. C Hastings & of the Acting Principal and Professor of J. College

Yours Affectionally

B. H. Rice

Batticotta, Aug. 17. 1895.
Rec'd Sept. 21.

I forward Mr Rice's letter which completes the no under my chary

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Batticotta
August 5-1896

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To

The Rev James S. Barton D.D

Dear Sir

In a letter written an year ago I reported about the Batticotta Church for one year preceding July 1895 (A) (The year begining with the 21st of July 1895 and ending with the 19th July 1896 has been a prosperous year. Twenty two persons have joined the Batticotta Church on profession of faith during this period. Fourteen of this number are College students, one is a student of the English High school, two are members of the helping hand, ~~two~~ three are members of Christian families and two are members of a family depending on a Christian family. Eighteen of this number are males and four females). The pastor of the Church was obliged to be absent from the Province for a period of 14 weeks for benefitting his health. He started to India on the 20th Sept 1895 and returned to Jaffna on the 8th of January 1896. Rev Wm Joseph the College Pastor and some other pastors and missionaries have been kind enough to act for him during his absence. The convention of Y. M. C. A conducted by Messrs Mott and Wilder was held in Batticotta in December 1895 from 11th to the 13th. A full account of the conference was published in the supplement for the Morning Star of Dec. 19th 1895. The convention has been successful and has been the means of awakening & quickening souls

The week of prayer was observed as usual in the begining of the year. I was absent for the first part of the week until the 7th of January and was present in the last part & enjoyed the meetings. Some souls were awakend to see the lost condition and others resolved to live a new life. In the early part of the year the Christians of Batticotta entertained the hope of the speedy return of Dr Howland and family. They were very happy to welcome them in their midst on the last part of May but they have been sorely disappointed to hear the illness of Dr Howland with which he was attacked in april. The Christians in Jaffna unanimously prayed for his recovery. All the Christians of Jaffna feel very thankful for the recovery of Dr Howland. The whole Jaffna community rejoice over the prospect of Dr Howlands returning to Jaffna. Two communions were observed by the Batticotta Church in 1896. At the communion observed on the 1st of March six persons joined the Church on profession of faith. Five of them are members of the Jaffna College the sixth is the orderly of the Batticotta Dispensary. At the communion observed on the 19th of July five persons joined the Church on profession of faith one is a member of Jaffna College, one is a member of the English High School and one is a member of the Helping hand and one is a baptized child from a Christian family and the fifth is a servant in a Christian family. Two of these are baptized children and the rest

were baptized on the occasion. These eleven who joined in 1896 are a part of the twenty two (22) already reported. Elizabeth Paranchothen, a member of Helping Hand and a Church member who joined the Church nearly one year ago on the 17th Feb 1895 died of fever on the 11th of March 1896. She was unconscious at the time of death and in the house of her father at Changany. The pastor went to Changany and gave her a Christian burial in the Christian burial ground. Her Christian life has been consistent. Sarah Taylor Gnanuttoo a Christian woman who has been a Christian member of Batticotta Church nearly forty years died on the night of 23 July. One of her daughters died a few years ago. She has left behind her her husband, four sons and two daughters to mourn for her. Two of her ~~Sa~~ sons and one daughter are married and yoked with believers. All the children are Church members except the youngest. She has finished her earthly pilgrimage and entered the heavenly Canaan. It is to be greatly regretted that the Batticotta Church has been compelled to excommunicate the Christian sister named Mary Armstrong for the following charges

1 She has given her first daughter to a heathen in marriage alliance

2 The ceremony connected with the wedding was purely heathen

3 When the party returned from Colombo to Jaffna they publicly declared themselves by wearing sacred ashes a mark of heathenism

4 She conducted heathen public ~~heathen~~ festivals and underwent a ceremony called Thedsy

The Christians in Jaffna feel their greatest obliga ~~obligation~~ of thankfulness to the loving Heavenly Father for the religious liberty which they enjoy when they hear the cruel massacre of Armenia. The Jaffna is not wanting in men who hate the children of God. The British Government and Missionary Work have overpowered them. The hatred of the human heart against the brother will be killed only when Christ reigns in the hearts of men.

I beg to remain
Yours Respectfully
B. H. Rice

Batticotta, Aug. 5, 1896.

Miss Helen I. Root

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Miss Helen T. Root,
Oodooviel, Ceylon.
Dec. 13, 1899.

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Rev. Jas. L. Barton,
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Barton:

Can you think how good it seems to be at home at last? We have had a very happy journey, but we find it cause for rejoicing that it is over and we are home at Oodooviel. Miss Chandler has perhaps written you, as she threatened to do, that we did not find it especially pleasant to come through France by ourselves, nor indeed to travel in the French steamer without either escort or chaperone. All the time we sighed for Mr. Brown, or [almost] any other man! However we got on quite well, and

with Dr. Young and myself, and the Hastings, Dr. Scott, Dr. Carr, Miss Howland, Mr. & Mrs. Holden, met us on the dock with carts for our baggage, and carriages for ourselves. Dr. Scott brought Miss Howland and me at once to Dodoville where Mrs. Scott and Miss Helen were waiting. It was raining and the glory of the decorations was a little dimmed. Plantain trees with cocoanut leaves twined around them bordered the drive, and there were long streamers of blue and red and yellow paper banners from the house to the gate. At the carriage entrance was a marvelous canopy and arch, the latter looking like a heathen temple,

ncidentally administered
few rebukes to the French
ation for its views about
e "propriety" of our journeying
lone. There was a wait
of 18 days in Colombo or
ise a journey by land.
Everyone frowned upon
the latter plan, and we
waited. Mr. and Mrs. Hick
took care of us with the
utmost kindness and made
our stay very pleasant.
We saw Kandy, also, and
were properly delighted to
be in the reputed Garden
of Eden. Certainly it is
quite beautiful enough to
deserve that name.

Nevertheless, as I said, it is
good to be at home. You know
of course the sort of welcome
these dear people give. It was
new to me and a little bit
overwhelming. Mr. and Mrs.

wedding house. In fact one of the native women who called yesterday said with great admiration - "Bride and bridegroom!" The long verandah was gaily decorated with ferns and palm branches, and ropes of paper flowers, really very pretty. The school girls had made a canopy all the way from the house to the school and were so eager and excited that they could hardly wait to have us drive up.

It was most impressive to see them face to face that first time, and to begin to realize something of the privilege God has given me in coming to them. I pray to be made of great use here, for Him.

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dness and a lyric and
gers and rose-water, just
heartiest and prettiest
lcome that the girls could
ve. If they were half as
glad to have me come as
was to come, we were
happy crowd indeed.
It is a mystery how
iss Howland has borne
ll the heavy burdens
f this great school alone.
he is very tired and
ill be glad to rest more.
special need just now
for a teacher for the girls
reparing for the Calcutta
ntrance next year. The
ative masters can manage
everything splendidly except
e English itself. I am to
ake that a order and try
help them to read and
rite and talk. There are
ighte bright girls in this class.

there in procession headed by a Sivite band. It was the first time I had seen the tom-toms at close range. The device brought a good many together besides the native Christians. There must have been at least four hundred gathered, many having the temple marks and some with foreheads and arms fairly covered with streaks of ashes. They listened with great interest apparently. I have not felt anywhere else, so deeply the seriousness of the work before us.

Dec. 21.

Pastor Hunt had especially
asked that the new
missionaries might come
to the Chavagachery
church and meet the
Christians of that region,
including four churches.
We were glad to accept
his invitation and went
over last Saturday, meeting
Mr. Hastings there. It was
a surprise to us all to
see so fine a house
and so fine a field. It
was bazaar day and
there were hundreds of
people in the square near
the church, many of whom
afterwards came to our
meeting. This was held in
the school, as soon as
we had breakfasted.

young to come there to live and do medical and evangelistic work. It does seem a great pity to have the building unused, the district is so populous, and so good an evangelistic center.

The monthly meeting of the three missions occurred on last Monday night, and was a very happy meeting to us new people. It seems like a very Christlike bit of work, this of the different churches in such real harmony and sympathy - and I

am especially glad to
have walked into an
atmosphere of so much
cordial fellowship.
We see the people
from Manipay and
Urumvil nearly every
day, and I begin to feel
thoroughly at home already.
Dr. and Mrs. Scott are
working very hard. I
wonder how they keep
it up. Dr. Scott especially
is looking much worn.
Dr. Curran and Miss Howland
are to go to the Hills in
March and the Drs. Scott
a little later. They say
they want to remove
distractions from the
minds of Dr. Young and
me, so that we can devote

me learn quickly. They tell me many words, and the girls also are excellent teachers. The matron gives me a new word every day when I go to the storehouse, and even the pastor tries to help.

Are all missionaries as kind and helpful and patient with newcomers as these people? It has been the greatest pleasure to be so received. Mr. Brown was saying they have given us a high standard of life and work if we are

our energies to Tamil.
There is great need! The
moonshe has been here
twice and I am on
the verge of insanity.
Temporary, I hope, for
already the letters are
beginning to arrange
themselves in some sort
of order, and even the
sounds are recognizable.
I know why the tongue
is called an unruly
member. It is quite im-
possible to make it say
five different m's, as
yet, — but I do hope
to be able to conquer the
difficulties. It is thoroughly
fascinating already. All
the native women who

very eager to be of use and to help bear their burdens as soon as possible. There are several places here where there are signs of a great blessing. At one church, just a little village church, a great many of the heathen are regularly coming to the church services. Twenty ~~seven~~ six have united with the church on profession of faith during the year, and there are now more than a dozen candidates under instruction. The people

here, especially the young men, have been hard at work and earnest in prayer.

Ten girls from the school united with this church last Sunday. There is a good spirit through the school, and some of the girls are very happy, hopeful Christians. Nearly sixty, Miss Howland tells me, pledged themselves to observe the morning watch, last year when Mr. Eddy was here, and I see that many of them are faithfully doing it.

I wish I could tell

you know delighted I a
with everything here
Jaffna is far prettier
than I supposed, tho'
course this is its best
season. We are having
little rain, however, an
the brilliancy of the
colorings is astonishin
Just at sunset, I enjoy
it most, when the
light is yellow and so
We think the people
who sent us would be g
about it if they saw a
we just begin to see, th
actual, pitiful need here
Let them pray without ceas

With kindest regards
Faithfully yours
Irene S. Roo

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Oodooville, Jaffna, Dec. 31, 1899.

The Misses Leitch, Boston, Mass.

Dear, good friends:-

Nearly three weeks we have been in Jaffna and growing into a feeling of home for this beautiful place. I think Dr. Young has written you of our arrival and welcome and perhaps of our visit to Chavagacherry. It has been a very happy time to me, and I thank God that He sent me here, and next to Him, I thank you most gratefully.

You must know exactly just the sort of welcome which these people give. The girls of the school were so excited that they could not think of studying the day we came, and we had a royal welcome indeed. The verandah was gorgeously decorated with greens and paper flowers, and there was a canopy of red and white cloths over the carriage entrance. The girls had made the school room and the long passage way as pretty as they could, and you know that was very pretty indeed. There was an address, of course, which I sent home without making a copy, but you may have it if you care to see it by asking my mother for it. The flower wreath appealed to me, and so did the sprinkling of rose water at the steps. Every day I am more and more in earnest, trusting that God may indeed use me to do His own work among these girls. There is a good spirit through the school; much prayer and a good earnest wish for the unconverted to come to Christ. Last year when Mr. Eddy was here, perhaps you know, more than 60 of the girls made a covenant to be "Comrades of the Quiet Hour". They are up a good deal earlier than I am in the morning, and many of them are faithfully keeping the Morning Watch.

Miss Howland is very much indeed as you described her. I am sure we shall work well together, and I hope she will begin to leave things to me more and more all the time. She is extremely tired and is going to the Hills in March. She is too anxious to keep me from neglecting Tamil and I cannot help as much as I would like to, on that account. However, as she says, the help will be worth so much more when I know Tamil that I can afford to be comparatively useless for a while now.

The Calcutta entrance class was sadly in need of a teacher and I have been taking it for an hour a day from the first. There are nine bright girls, very nice to teach. I am also to have them with some others on Sunday A. M. for the S. S. lesson. The Sundays are a little hard, you know, when I cannot understand the sermons or much else. The Lord has very graciously met me in the service each time, however, and has made me thoroughly glad to have so long a time for meditation and prayer.

It has been most pleasant, too, to know some of our Christian people. The pastor, of course, and Mr. Carpenter's family, dear Mrs. Chelliah-pillai, Dr. Mann and his family, Mr. Lawrence, and our own teachers Mr. Lyman and Mr. Christian.

The Woman's Meeting on Tuesday P. M. I have been able to attend only once, but was glad then and at many other times to meet the people. It is very hard to talk to them, for the English of many of them is very limited. At some houses, of course, we have been able to speak freely.

They all remember you so loyally and are more happy to be told of you than anyone else, and the number of Mary's and Margarets is simply appalling! Mary Santhia is in the English school and Mary Alfred (Anderson) is in my own class.

Tamil goes very well, at least I find it absorbingly interesting. Mr. Chinnatamby of Manepy is our teacher and a very good one, we think. He seems especially hard to satisfy as to pronunciation and so we are the more hopeful of getting it right.

January 3rd, 1900.

We chanced to mention to Mr. C. that Mr. & Mrs. Brown were ahead of us in their Tamil, and he has just begun to make us work! Really the language is a great hindrance to work and yet I suppose one might better go slow at first.

We have been so gay since coming that we hardly understand how we are to do in real ~~xxxxx~~ earnest. We went to a little reception for Mr. & Mrs. Elmer, to the monthly meeting, to dinner about everywhere, to Udupiddy and to Uducadu and Vermbadi. The Christmas festivities were on soon after we came and we saw small children and some not so samll, receive prizes and presents until we were fairly dizzy. I was glad to be asked to speak at the Xmas excercises in Manepy and Uduvil and have not been at any other time more impressed with the joy of the Message, than when the children by hundreds looked and listened. It is very trying yet to speak through an interpreter, but I am only the more anxious to get on with Tamil. Mr. Brown spoke yesterday at a Christian Worker's Meeting at Manupay and even I could see that his interpreter was doing that very rare thing, putting the idea into Tamil rather than just the words. He spoke of conditions of success in Soul-Winning and very earnestly urged a real love to God, and love to men as the basis of all success. We, Miss Howland & I, went and also some of the girl teachers as well as the masters. It was not a large meeting but full of belessing.

The Mission meeting has been here today and I have enjoyed what I had time to hear. The best thing about it is the Christlike spirit of these missionaries. They are certainly a patient, hard working and loving set of people. The year has been a good one in the Mission, and we pray that our coming may be a help in every respect and no hindrance to anyone. I have thought often about what you said, or wrote about, keeping the Christlike life foremost in dealing with the people and the missionaries too, and about the efficacy of united prayer in solving many problems. I want you to ask God especially whatever I may have else, He will give me grace and power in prayer.

Dr. Young and I are more and more glad that we could take the long journey together. We prize it more now even than at the time. All are eagerly asking about the coming of Mr. & Mrs. Dickson and we hope that no hindrance may arise now--that is, if this be God's place for them, as it seems to us to be. There is a sense of unreality about being here after all and very often the longing to see the homepeople again. If you either of you are to go through my home town at any time, will you not write for my mother to meet you, even if only for over trains?

It is Mrs. Wm. H. Root, Port Bryon, N. Y. I would like that better than anything else I could ask of you.

With ~~many~~ my kind regards,

Faithfully,

Helen I Root.

S. C. K. Putnam

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 2-6-97
Ans'd 6

lol Hodge Hall,
Princeton, N.J.
February-4-1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.
Secy. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear sir,

I was introduced to you in Springfield, Mass. two years ago. For some time I was a student in the Jaffna College, but graduated from the Madras University. 3 years ago I was invited by the anti-opium societies in London to lecture in England on the opium question. I am at present a student in the theological seminary at Princeton.

Being myself a native of Jaffna, and interested in the success of the College, I take the liberty to address a few lines to you.

Having been informed by Miss Mary Leitch that there was a vacancy in Jaffna College and that you were expecting to select a Prof from America, I have spoken to Mr. T. A. Elmer in regard to the position; and he seems desirous to go to Jaffna College. He has written to Miss Leitch in regard to the matter.

Mr Elmer is a graduate of Lafayette College Easton, Pa, of the class of 94. He was one of the four highest Honor men of his class; and received as a commencement Honor the "Philosophical Oration". He is also a member of the Phi Betta Kappa soc.

If you wish to make inquiry concerning his College course: I would respectfully refer you to either Dr Ethelbert D. Warfield, L.L.D. Pres. of Lafayette College, or to Francis A. March, LL.D and, L.H.D. Prof of the English Language and Comparative Philology, at Lafayette.

Mr Elmer will graduate from Princeton Theological seminary this spring While here in the seminary he has also taken a two years course in Philosophy at Princeton University, and received the Masters degree from the University.

For information, as to his Seminary course, you can make inquiry of the Seminary faculty.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours respectfully,

S. C. K. Putnam.

P.S.

I send you a copy of my circular.

Mr. S. C. K. Putnam,
Princeton, Feb. 4, 97.

Mr. S. C. K. Rutnam 227

J. L. B.
Rec'd. 1-7-97
Ans'd. 12

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22. Walker Ave,
Toronto, Ont
Canada
June. 2nd 1897

My dear Dr Barton,

You will remember, we ~~have~~ had some correspondence with reference to Mr Elmer's application for appointment as teacher in Jaffna College.

I am a native of Jaffna, Ceylon, and have finished my two

two years regular Theological
Course in Princeton.
I am a graduate of the
Bradley University. I have
also taken the M.A. degree
(in philosophy) in Princeton
University—

I shall be obliged
if you will kindly let me
know, if I may expect
an appointment in Ceylon
from the A. B. C. F. M:
My wish is to return
to my own country and
engage in Christian work

I herein enclose
Copy of one of my
Circulars, Containing

Some of my testimonials,
An early reply if it is possible,
will greatly oblige,

With kind regards,

I remain
Yours truly in the Masters Service
S. C. M. Putnam.

S. C. K. Rutnam

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J. L. B.
Rec'd 6-16-97
Ans'd 22

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22. Walker Ave
Toronto. Ont
June 14th 1897

Rev James L. Barton. D.D.

My dear Dr Barton

I thank you for your favor of June 12th received this morning — I am glad to have assurance of your interest in me and my plans for work in my native Country —

I have heard of the policy of your Mission Board & of some other Mission Boards, not to send as missionaries to their Country

youngmen who are native of the country to be evangelized.

But I venture to think, mine is a special and exceptional case. I should perhaps have informed you of my engagement to be married to Dr Mary. H. Irwin, one of your own missionaries in Jaffna, Ceylon, but I thought it quite unnecessary, since Dr Irwin herself wrote you about it, about the middle of March last.

Since Dr Irwin received her appointment from your Board, we met and became

engaged to be married;
Being fully assured,
that we were clearly led
of God, to take this most
important step, we decided
we will go through it at
all costs, even if we had
not one single friend, but
we are thankful God
has given us friends, and
my own people in India & Ceylon
and her people here in
Canada, have also
expressed their approval.

God has led us
step by step. It is Dr
Irwin's wish to live and
serve the Master in my
native country. Since
Dr Irwin is already
a missionary of the Board

and since I am engaged to be married to her, I feel it is my duty to inform you formally of my engagement before I sail for my native country — there is certainly plenty of room for me to work in Ceylon —

I trust the American Board will see its way clear to give me an appointment in Jaffna Ceylon — I have written rather freely, and I hope you will be good enough to advise us in regard thereto. Thanking you again for your kind letter,

I am
Yours very truly
S. C. R. Putnam

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-8-97
Ans'd 13

22. Walker Ave
Toronto. Ont
July. 6th 1897

Rev James L. Barton. D.D.
Secy. A. B. C. F. M.
Boston –

My dear Dr Barton,

I thank you for your favor of June 22nd duly received. I was very much surprised to hear from you that Dr Irwin had not announced to you our engagement –

Since writing to you, I have heard from her, and find it was due to a slight misinterpretation of a letter. However I am glad, you have been informed of this matter, as both of us intended you should know it pretty soon –

I regret, certain individuals, have recently taken upon themselves the task

of circulating false words against myself, and my character, and consequently the attitude of Dr Irwins parents, towards our engagement, is not at present what it was when I announced it to you.

But these later developments, most unpleasant and unfortunate as they are, will not influence us either of us one bit. You will doubtless receive confirmation of my statement from Ceylon, in due time.

Some of your correspondence with the Miss Lethl, in regard to our engagement, and their reply thereto, have been read to me, and this fact is my excuse for referring to this matter again.

I fully believe in the impartiality of your judgment, and have no doubt, when you shall have been informed of the whole truth,

you will decide to do, in this matter, what will tend to bring the best results possible for the work.

Herein I enclose for your perusal, a brief outline of a scheme I have for Missionary work in Ceylon. Will you be good enough to let me know if the A. B. C. F. M. will find its way clear to endorsing my scheme for Christian work in Ceylon.

Of course, my scheme, is provisional and must necessarily be imperfect, and I will be glad to make such changes in it, as experience and wisdom might suggest.

With Christian regards & kind wishes

I remain

Most sincerely yours

S. C. K. Putnam.

Mr. S. C. K. Putnam
Toronto, July 6, 97

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Private and Confidential

I copy a portion of a letter that was written in Jaffna, Ceylon, on May 16th 1897, and which I sincerely beg you will keep for your own private information.

"I am beginning bit by bit, to find out what the people think of the Miss Leitch here. I think, the missionaries must have been in rather an expectant attitude, all the time wondering what they would do next. They smile now over some of Miss L's wild schemes (for she is not always reasonable)
I think much money might have been saved over the Hospital buildings, if they had gone about it in a different way. But they were always lavish with their money, and indeed it has left its bad effect upon the people. The people come to Church and School for money or gifts, not for the work done, and

when they ceased, the attendance ceased as well"

These are the words of one of your own missionaries in Ceylon, and I can heartily endorse every word of it

I am
Yours very sincerely
S. C. K. Putnam.

July. 6th. 1897.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-29-97
Ans'd 30

Mr. S. C. K. Putnam 231
22 Walker St.
Toronto - Canada.
July 27th 1897

Dear Dr Barton,

On my return here last Saturday evening I received your favor of July 20th.

It is true I was married to Dr Irwin before she left this country - We anticipated some opposition to our relationship & intentions & felt it right to get secretly married & fully believed this transaction could be kept secret always - We have very loved as husband and wife and we decided to get secretly married thinking this will be a sort of satisfaction to ourselves. Things however have assumed somewhat a different shape to what we expected

Dr Irwin who she left this country, fully expected to fulfil her engagement to the Board.

I regret that certain promises already made, prevent me from answering the latter portion of your letter. I expect to hear from Dr Irwin this evening, and then I may answer it all in detail.

Thanking you most cordially for writing to me,

I remain,

Yours in great perplexity

S. C. H. Putnam.

PS Will you kindly let me know, if you will be pleased to give me an interview, should I come to Boston during the latter part of this week, or the beginning of next week.

S.C.H.P.

Mr. S. C. K. Rutnam 232
East Northfield
August 1st 1897

J. L. B.
Rec'd 8-3-97
Ans'd 4

Personal & Private

My dear Dr Barton,

I received your letter from "Dr Swan" last night – She thinks I ought to return to Ceylon as speedily as possible – O, dear Dr Barton, every day the cloud seems to enlarge, but I still believe the Lord has not forsaken us –

I too think I must get to Ceylon as speedily as I can. – I pray that I may be enabled to return to Ceylon in the course of a few weeks –

is fast is fast —
My address from next
Wednesday for a week
will be,
Round Lake Assembly
Round Lake,
Saratoga County.
N.Y.
Hoping to hear from you
I remain
Yours very sincerely
S C K Putnam.

Personal

J. L. B.
Rec'd 8-12-97
Ans'd 16

Mr. S. C. K. Putnam
40 East 23rd St
New York city
Aug 11th 1897

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Rev James L. Barton. D.D

Dear Dr Barton,

I thank you for your kind letter of Aug 5th, duly received—

I strongly feel the very best thing for me to do now, is at once to return to Ceylon— So far I have not been able to make any arrangements to secure my passage home— Still I earnestly hope some way will open for me to sail before the end of this month— I note that "St Paul" leaves here on Aug 25th making connection with "Oruba" sailing from London on September 3rd & arriving in Colombo September 29th— I would very much like to arrive in Ceylon about the end of September—

I have not yet heard from your friends to whom you wrote about me—

I too wrote a very long letter
to Mr J W Irwin, asking him
to forgive me & his daughter for
causing him & his wife so much
pain. He answered my letter
& and portions of his letter
I cannot very well understand.
He finishes his letter thus:— "Poor
my dear Child as I do, I could not
have trusted myself to meet you
personally — She is now
suffering from devices, which
however clever they might seem in
the eyes of some people are
sinful in the eyes of that God
who is now punishing you
(Murder will out), and until
so far as such a thing is
possible — you come back
to the point at which you led
her astray, you cannot
have his blessing nor
Martha nor Mr Stiles — In as much
as you led her to believe
this was only a strong
form of engagement, to be
followed up by a public

marriage in five years, best thing wh is. go ahead forever, and at the end of five years we will consider the subject again & yours ——
J. W. Irwin. Clinton "

Dear Dr Barton, I greatly appreciate your sympathy with us in our troubles — I will write you more fully later — And now I will quote a few sentences from Mrs Putnam's letter received last Saturday.

" I received yesterday Mr Smith's official letter to the Board — for my personal — I will send you a copy as it came to me. — I raised two objections & these will probably be corrected before it leaves —

First I objected to being called Mrs Irwin — Mrs name officially has never

been anything but Dr Mary H. Irwin

Second. I am objected to the clause saying that I had "acted under pressure from Dr Putnam"

I am sure I never conveyed such an idea at the meeting & I would not have you or they, for a moment think, that I was throwing the blame on you — Dr Scott has asked if these corrections may be made — the latter clause either left out or changed "

Probably you have seen copy a letter the Miss Dutch wrote me, since learning of my secret marriage — I know they are circulating this letter —

I will probably remain here until I sail for Ceylon — I have

already written to Mrs. Putnam & my people that I will sail for Ceylon as soon as I can arrange for it.—

I remain
Yours gratefully
S C K Putnam

E.B. 8-14-97 16

40 East 23rd St
New York City
August 12th 1897

My dear Dr Barton:—

Permit me to draw your attention to the fact, that the American Board in Ceylon, in their Official note to the Board, concerning my Secret marriage with "Dr Harry W Ewin" states "It was made apparent that she had acted under pressure from Mrs Putnam" Mrs Putnam protested against sending such a statement ~~complaint~~ to the Board, and yet from a letter I received from her an hour ago, I understand, the Official note was forwarded to you, without the said correction being made.

Mrs Putnam writes "I send the copy of the Official notice of the Board— They said my objections were fair, but the letter should have been sent long before & it would take too long to correct. So they sent it on"

Dear Dr Barton, as a matter of simple justice to me, I beg the correction may be made—

Both Mrs Putnam & myself object to the sentence "It was

made apparent that she (Mrs Putnam) had acted under pressure ~~from~~ Mr Putnam"

I remain,
Yours very sincerely
S. C. K. Putnam

40 East 23rd St

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

My dear Dr Barton

I am very sorry to inform you that I have not yet been able to arrange to spend ~~for~~ Easter - I greatly fear I will not be able to spend ~~for~~ some time to come.

With kindest regards,
I remain
Yours very sincerely
S. C. K. Putnam

Rev. James L. Barton
Oberlin
Ohio

J. L. B.
Rec'd 8-24-97
Ans'd

40 East 23rd St.
New York City
August 23rd 1897

Rev James L. Barton D.D.

My dear Dr Barton

I am very sorry to inform you that I have not yet been able to arrange to sail for Ceylon — I greatly fear I will not be able to sail for some time to come.

With kindest regards,
I remain
Yours very sincerely
S. C. H. Putnam

New York, Aug. 13, 97

Rec'd 9-1-97

40 East 23rd St
New York City,
August. 30th, 1897

My dear Dr Barton,

I send you copy of a portion of a letter Miss Mary Leitch sent me last week — This was an answer to a very mild letter I had written to her. I leave you to judge the tone of the letter shows my people will feel, if ever they read this letter.

Believe, dear Dr Barton, I never put Dr Irwin under any oath whatever. She never wrote so to her parents. We simply decided (and in this we were both so greatly mistaken) we would keep our marriage a secret —

My dear Dr Barton, God alone knows my troubles in these days — I have had a greater trouble, but I think I might let you see the tone of the letters the Misses Leitch write to me, as well as circulate among my friends —

I have so far not succeeded in raising money for my passage — I will wait patiently and work, till the Lord will open the way for me to return home,

I am, With kindest regards
Yours ever gratefully & sincerely
S. C. K. Putman

New York, Aug. 23, '97.

Mrs. Mary T. Putnam

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New York, Aug. 30, 1897

8 Gramercy Park

Feb 26 1898

Feb 27 1898

Mrs. Mary H. J. Putnam, 237

J. L. B.
Rec'd 11-30-97
Ans'd 12-7

Clinton
Nov 26th '97

St

Dear Mr Barton

I enclose an account of my travelling expenses to Ceylon. I have not reduced them to common currency. I don't know what you reckon the exchange between our money & English money. The exchange at the time I went to Ceylon was 16 Rs. to the £1. The amount Mrs. Somerville paid for me to Ch. passage from Pondicherry to Colombo I don't know. The regular fare would be £20 each but probably she got some missionary reduction.

Two boxes & a picture were sent out to my name by the annual shipment last year. One box - Books. Valued at $40 - the picture val. 25 (I think) - The other box - Miss Leitch sent - & it contained chiefly Tricium things which are still in Ceylon - with Mr Cum.

I do not know whether the charges on these boxes were deducted from my salary or not, by Mr. Harding. I have no account of the matter.

The items of expense for the journey I have divided between Mr Cum & myself. As correctly

as I can. There may be some slight error as I have not Dr. Curr's account book by me & in my own I often put down the expenses jointly instead of separately. I expected the account would be rendered jointly in the end. But I am sending Dr. Curr a copy of these items - & if she finds any errors she will no doubt notify you & me. Will you kindly let me know what the corrected sum total is.

I am with my parents in Clinton at present. They are rejoiced to have me with them once more. and I will probably remain here until Mr. Putnam's position is assured in Ceylon. It was a bitter disappointment to him not to find me in Ceylon on his arrival - I believe he has prospects of an appointment as President of Cuddalore College.

In a letter received recently Mr. Putnam says. "Every cent of my debt will be paid. A third of my salary will go towards our debt, until the whole is wiped out. The future still looks dark - but I am hoping, & praying that a brighter day may soon dawn.

I am sorry I have not been able to send you the expense items sooner. There was much trouble than I expected in deducting my share from the total. But I think the b/c here is correct - Most sincerely yours -

Mary A. L. Putnam -

Travelling Expenses –

From Mrs Little for Our Expenses	£ 15.00 14.21	
Fare to Glasgow	£ 0.00	
Expenses to Colombo	£ 14:16:1½ Rs 236.90	Eye – 16 Rs = 1 £
Expenses to Jaffna	Rs. 83.07½	
" of Luggage with us	Rs. 14.50½	
Fare Brindisi to Colombo paid – by Mrs Sommerville Sum not known		

Items – journey Scotland – Ceylon for Drawer & Cum –

	Drawer £	S.	d.	Cum £	S.	d.
Steamer fare	–	18	–	–	–	–
Glasgow Incidentals	1	–	5½	–	18	9½
Fare Glasgow – Halkirk	–	3	–	–	3	–
Edinburgh Incidentals & Auchtermuchty	–	9	2½	1	7	7½
Fare Ed – Auchtermuchty	–	3	4	–	6	8
" Halkirk – London	1	13	8	1	13	8
Birmingham Incidentals	–	9	6½	–	8	11½
Cabs – Porters &c –	–	4	3	–	4	3
London Incidentals	1	14	8	2	15	4½
Carriage of Luggage	–	14	–	1	3	5
Storage " "	–	11	–	1	2	7
Extra Box	–	–	–	–	4	–
Fees – London	–	3	9	–	3	9
Balance Fare – to Brindisi	5	–	–	5	5	–
Ship Incidentals	–	1	3	–	2	10
Excess Luggage	–	15	–	1	8	9
Ship Fees	–	15	–	–	15	–
£	14	16	1½	17	18	8

	Irwin	Cum.
	Rs	
Colombo Incidentals	14.10	14.15
Tus	5.00	5.00
Fare to Kandy	4.00	4.00
Hotel Kandy	9.20	9.20
Incidentals	.55	.55
Fare to Matale	.90	.90
Telegrams	.60	.60
Matale Incidentals	1.12½	1.12½
Rest House	1.75	1.75
Fare to Jaffna	30.00	30.00
Anuradhapura Rest House	9.50	9.50
Incidentals on way	5.05	5.05
Fees –	1.20	1.20
Rs.	83.07½	83.12½
Luggage		
	Rs.	
Cart for boxes (2)	.42½	.42½
Landing Charges	1.00	1.00
Coolies waiting in town	.20	.20
Cart hire same night	.50	.50
Cart for (2) trunks	.37½	.37½
Bill Colombo Landing charges & re-shipment	11.61½	11.61½
Landing Charges	.39	.39
Rs.	14.50½	14.50½

Sum given me in Boston for travelling expenses of Dr Cum & myself = £ 45. ✓

Amount returned to me having at end of journey = Rs - 32.95 (2/3) ✓

(Dr. Cum - rec. thro' Mr Somerville towards expenses £ 2. -)

J. L. B.
Rec'd 10-31-97
Ans'd 22

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23 Lorrington Sq.
London.

Oct. 11th '97

Dear Mr. Barton.

You may be surprised to hear that I am on my way home. Mr & Mrs. Howland & I are journeying together.

Until a few weeks ago, I had no intention whatever of leaving Ceylon until my husband came for me. But I was surprised by receiving letters from home, asking me to return at once - in fact, the attitude my parents have taken against Mr. Putnam is such - that the only hopes of reconciliation seemed to be in my immediate return, so that face to face we might talk matters over.

The same day I received a message from Mr. Putnam, saying he was starting for Ceylon. I returned message, asking him to wait

— that I was coming home. But this
was too late — for the following
I received word that he was not well
& was coming by the "Army" —
I knew not what to do for a time
but God made it very plain to me
that I should not wait. so I left
Colombo — by the "Cheshire" Sept 17th
the very day my husband was to sail
for Ceylon from England.
Our steamer passed in the night
a few hours after we left Port Said
Mr. & Mrs. Howland have been very
kind to me — We have had a most
delightful journey — by land & sea
thus far — & since I believe that
God is directing my steps, I have
very happy — & am sure that
whatever sin stands for me, it will be
It will be "well" for us all —
I had thought of taking from here
a steamer to Boston, & meeting
& making arrangements regarding
my debt to the Board — but Mr. Howland
wished like me to go with them. so we
all expect to leave for New York by
the "Incania" on Sat. next —

I think you will find that the Treasurer's account of my expenses is incorrect. The money for Dr. Cum's as well as my own travelling expenses was given to me. I paid from this the expenses of us both, & rendered to Mr. Hasting a joint account.

I think the sum given by the Trea. includes Dr. Cum's travelling expenses to.

If you have not details regarding this, will you kindly let me know. I can write out for you what our separate accounts amounted to.

Or if you would rather have me come personally to Boston, kindly write on receipt of this to "Judson House" Washington Sq. South N.Y. where I will be staying for a day on my arrival in New York.

I hardly know what is before me. But if I go step by step, I am trusting that the next step will be made plain.

I must thank you for the very kind letter you wrote me. It cheered my heart.

Most gratefully yours.

Mary A. S. Putnam.

Mrs. Mary H. Rutman

London, Oct. 11, 1897.

Rec'd Oct. 21.

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Mrs. Mary H. T. Rutnam
Clinton Ontario
the 22nd '97,

J. E. B.
Rec'd 12-24-97
Ans'd 31

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Rev. J. Barton D.D.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton

I have looked over the Statement sent to me by Treasurer Biggin. It seems to me that $62.22 is barely a sufficient equivalent for £14.16.1½. If you think the exchange on this item should be reckoned higher, please let me know. I will be quite satisfied either way. I was a little surprised that my expenses from Clinton to New York were $2.59. My books only account for $29.21. The remainder are expenses paid by Miss Leitch for me, while I was with her, at Worcester Boston &c. & of these I have no account. Could you kindly send me the items, she sent to you, that I may add them to my own list of expenses.

I was most deeply grieved the other day, to hear from Miss Leitch that the Society at Auburn have refused to further aid the Ceylon work, & wish refunded, the money already paid. Oh that in some way I could show them that I am not the heartless hypocrite they evidently think me to be!

May you have a joyous Christmas tide - and may the New Year be a happy one for yourself & family.

Gratefully Yours -
Mary H. T. Rutnam

Chas. M. Sanders

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Karedive

To
Rev. James. T. Barton. D.D.
Secy: A.B.C.F.M

Rev. Dear Sir.

As this is my first report a word or two about the field of my labor I believe will not be amiss but will be relished by you. My Station is Karedive. This is an Island lying four miles west of Batticotta with a small Strait intervening. Formerly Missionaries and Pastors on their occasional visits to this Island had either to wade thro, or cross it over on a canoe or bullock. cart. But now there is a causeway already constructed over this sheet of water for about a distance of two miles. This Station is an outstation of Batticotta. and the resident missionary there has always the superintendance of this station and until of late for many years was missionary Pastor too. The first ordination in our mission took place here, and the one ordained was a native of India & not of Jaffna. At the exercises of this ordination there were present the late venerable Dr. Anderson and the living time-honored Dr. Thompson. They partook in the exercises. This minister after some years of service was obliged to quit his connections with Mission on account of his unfaithfulness.

From that time onward till 1891, this congregation was without a Pastor of it's own. In 1890 I came here as Pastor elect. Before this I was engaged as teacher in the Udupitty Fem. Boarding School. It was no easy matter for me to leave that place & work I loved so much. However feeling the direction to come here was imperative and positive I came out here and was ordained in 1891. In the years 1878 & 1879 while a member of the Theol. Class, I came here & worked in the villages. And when I came back here I looked back to see the changes that have taken place between the years 1879 to 1891. There were changes for good & bad, then there were not many xtian families, now comparatively a good number, then the place of worship was an old bungalow, now a decent edifice built by funds largely contributed by xtians & supplemented by the small allowances from Mission, then the xtians had no influence as a body, now their influence is felt everywhere tho imperfectly. On the other hand, then there was no opposition, now bitter opposition since the movements of the Hindu Tract Societies, then no Hindu Schools, now there are already three

three existing by Mission Schools & trying to uproot them. then the Messenger of truth was eagerly welcomed & listened to, now they give either a deaf ear or an indifferent ear to his messages.

Comparing 1890 the year I came, with the present year 1896, the following growth can be observed. Communicants increased from 44 to 58, benevolence from Rs 342 to Rs 534. School grants from Rs 1267 to over 2000. The Church which was then dependent on Mission for the support of their preacher has now grown to be self-supporting.

In the early part of this year there occured two deaths among our members. The two were the oldest members of our Church & the pioneer christians of this place. One was all thro a faithful worker for the Master. His end Instead was happy. Death did not terrify him, but it was only a door to him to enter the blessed Home. The other had no peace His life as a christian was all thro inconsistent. He did not express any hope of future. His example to Children was bad consequently his Children some of them have abadoned christianity.

Our Medical Mission has now opened here a Dispensary. The building was erected by a christian, a former pupil of the late Dr Green. He collected funds from friends for the erection of the building. The edifice bears the name "Dr. Green's Hospital." It is our humble & earnest prayer that the Lord bless this Institution. and make it a means to the furtherance of His Kingdom in this Island.

In the two communions we had this year there were three additions to our Church, two by transfer & one by confession of faith. The latter came from a heathen family, but had his education in one of our high schools There were also two Baptisms. The parents with their infants brought gifts of thankfulness.

The return of Dr & Mrs Howland is anxiously awaited by xtians They felt grateful to God & praised Him for the recovery of Dr Howland from his illness.

Among others there are two necessary improvements to be attended to in this place. One is the tiling of the Church & the other the starting of an Eng. School. Otherwise there is temptation for our xtians to send their children to the Hindu Eng School.

Yours most obd. servant. Charles. W. Sanders

Rev. Joseph M. Sanders
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22nd July 1895
Atchuvaly
Jaffna

My Dear Sir

I am the pastor of the
hurch at Atchuvaly which place
midway between Tellipally and
dupitty Stations. Formerly for
bout 40 years the members of this
hurch were in the list of the Odupitty
hurch. In 1892 when it was thought
dvisable to form a separate church,
members called me as their pastor,
nd then it was organised a separate
hurch. When it was first organised the
urch was able to pay only a half of
Salary of the pastor; but now the
ly help they receive is Rs 4.00 per month
ven though we are small in number
nd many of us are poor, yet we are eager

eager to become self supporting and call
ourselves not a Mission church, but a
self supporting one. Our receipts are
increasing gradually year by year. Their
rate of giving compared with the cir-
umstances of the christians is exceedingly
great.

It is also very gratifying to see the
spirit of anxiety for the salvation of
their countrymen, which some of our
christians evince. Almost all of them
are trying by their earnest appeal to
persuade their relatives and friends
to accept Christ and his salvation
In a prayer meeting held last April
a christian brother felt the responsibility
of the work of the Lord Jesus Christ
and asked the christians to have
special work with one or two of their
friends and pray for them and to
see if they can make them attend the

attend the Sunday Services. That plan was accordingly followed and the ~~monthly~~ number of inquirers, or persons with whom they are working and praying for are eleven in number. Some of them at least I hope will accept Christ and receive baptism this year.

There is another movement among Christians to spend one Saturday preceding full moon in every month for evangelical work. This volunteer work it is decided should be started in faith without depending either upon the Bible Society or the Mission for any pecuniary help. This Gospel band worked one day last May in the village called Navatkery and last June in another village called Pandimanar. They went to these villages, visited houses and spoke earnestly of Christ and his Salvation

alvation, and sold many Bible portions
nd had interesting meetings in the evenings
in both places. The kind of people
ngaged in the work are Missionary,
nd pastors, catechists, teachers and
ndependant Christians. When we
s to visit houses no where have we
net oppositions, and we had opposition
ome years before in one or two villages
rom some of the Sivite school teachers
ut now we are going under favour-
ble circumstances. Everywhere we
n find persons interested in ~~christian~~
ristian message.
While we have much reason to
encouraged our difficulties
re also many - Superstition,
norance, and drunkness abound
ery where and so we need the prayers
the Lord's people of America. I can
ntion some other instances of less

less importance but I omit them now.

With our christian love
to you all
I remain
Yours affectionate
Servant
Joseph M. Sanders

Rev J. M. Sanders is pastor of Atchuvely church the youngest church in our mission having been organized in 1892. Mr Sanders is a graduate of Jaffna College, and was a member of the first English Theological class taken by our mission. He is a rising young man of promise. R E Hocking
Nort Aug 1. 95

Rev. Joseph M. Sanders.

Atchuvaly, July 22, 1895

Rec'd Sept. 5.

J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd

27th August 1896
Atchuvaly

My Dear Sir

Thinking that you would like to hear about our church at Atchuvaly I thought I would write you about it. The parish of Atchuvaly includes eight villages. The protestant christians are living as lewen in all the villages except one. With the help of one Catechist, two Bible women, and sixteen teachers I am working for the Lord in his vineyard.

House visiting, moon light meetings, Bible Junior Meetings, Sunday Schools, Sunday Services and volunteers work are the means adopted for propergating the Gospel to the heathens.

Here are seven day schools, and all the teachers take much pains to teach the Scripture lessons to their children. In the Bible examination held last year, three of our schools passed more than 75 per cent and were entitled to receive presents promised to such.

On the second sunday of the last January

January four persons were admitted with the church on profession of faith. One is a baptized girl of thirteen years of age and the daughter of the pastor and by name she is called Stella T. Sanders. She is now learning in the Ordoospitty Female Boarding School in the 8th Standard

Another is a son of one of our day school teachers and he was then a student of our English School. Except his father, his mother and all of his friends are sivites

And the other is the assistant teacher of our English School.

The fourth is a married woman and who was ~~sick~~ ill and went to Manepy to receive medical aid from Dr Scott. When she returned home she came with the conviction to receive Christ and his salvation. Her husband is a sivite only in name, but I do not know what keeps him back from coming and receiving Christ. He is not opposing her new faith and her new ways. Please pray for us and our work

With our love to you all

I remain yours
affectionately
J. M. Sanders

Remember us in your prayers

Thomas B. Scott, M.D.

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T. B. Scott
184 Gordon St
Kingston Ont. Canada

Mar. 25. 1892

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Revd N. G. Clark. D.D.
Secretary A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Clark

Will you pardon
me for not answering your
very kind letter long before
this. My reason for the delay
is that I am in the midst
of my final examinations.
in Medicine and have very
little time to spare for
duties not absolutely necessary.
Allow me to thank you
for the very kind letter
you have written me. I feel
it is an honor to be appointed

to work for the Master in such an interesting and promising yet so needy field as Ceylon. I am deeply grateful to you, Sir for the kind wishes you have expressed for much blessing to follow the work we undertake in that field. And while it is inspiriting to feel that you have confidence in Dr Macallum and myself I fear that you rate my qualifications much too high. It is but I have accomplished the amount

of study represented yet
what a small amount of
knowledge that represents
How ignorant yet I am of
many things that one would
wish to be familiar with
But if this amount of truth
gained fits me to be an
instrument is some feeble
form for the master whose
I am to serve. I shall be
glad to use it; at the
same time remembering
that study does not end
with completion of a
college course I shall
still with the Father's help
go on to know more of what

truth He has placed within
our reach It will be a
great comfort and strength
I am sure to feel that
those who know and love
the Lord and are interested
in the extension of His king-
dom are remembering us
who go down into the
darker places of the earth.
My medical examination
close about the ~~end~~ first of
April. but the closing
exercises are not held
until near the end of the
month. I propose to take
a short breathing spell
and also occupy the interv

Pardon this short note but allow me to express the hope of correspondence at greater length when time is not so fully occupied and also to hope that I may have the pleasure of meeting you before I go to my field. The Misses Leitch have conferred a great favor on me. Through correspondence with you and I hope in some way yet to return such kindness to those who so richly deserve my warmest thanks.

Yours humbly in his Service

Thos. Beckett. Scott

in some study of dentistry which is within convenient reach here and will probably go to New York after the close of College. I thank you for the proposal to place part of the outfit allowance in my hand now for the purpose of allowing me to gather necessary instruments from time to time. If convenient could I now obtain from you seventy-five Dollars for such ends as some things can be obtained to advantage here & now.

Lt. Scott
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184 Gordon St
Kingston - Ont
Mar 31 1892

Dear Sir -

Your very kind letter to hand last evening. Enclosed find receipt for the sum forwarded as part of outfit allowance - I will write at greater length very soon.

Yours in His Service

Thos. B. Scott

Kingston - Ont: Canada

$75 $\frac{00}{100}$ — Received from Revd N.G. Clark Secretary of American Board of Commissioners of Foreign Missions the Sum of Seventy-five Dollars. ($75) as part of outfit allowance in preparation for Mission Work in Ceylon

Thos Beckett Scott

Mar. 31. 1892

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118 East 45th St 246
J. B. Scott
Rec May 4
New York City
May. 2nd '92

Ans 4 5 9
E.K.A.

Revd N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir

In seeking to make arrangements with our Canadian Presbyterian Church for my ordination I find that it will facilitate matters if I receive from the American Board an official request that they proceed to ordain me to the work in Ceylon. It is my present intention to meet the Presbytery of Kingston Ont. about the 2nd week of July to ask to be licensed as a minister of the Gospel. I should like very much to be ordained at the same meeting of Presbytery. Does any reason present itself to you why this should not be the case?

In speaking with Dr Macallum recently about our future work and present best preparation for it. the question was asked me: Could a portion of the allowance for outfit be obtained now to be invested in one of the small organs so helpful in mission work? The advantage would be that Dr Macallum could in spare moments become accustomed to its use, as it is somewhat different to ordinary organs –

Dear Sir I wish to ask you as one familiar with every phase of mission work, for advice about life insurance – I have been led to believe it to be wise that I should have my life insured. Can you give me some advice on the question. Is there difficulty in so doing in view of the increased

dangerous to life in a new climate.
I suppose salts would be higher.
Is there any company that you
recommend specially to me for
this object?

I have come to New York quite
recently and am now beginning
my postgraduate work. I think I
will be able to gain very great
advantage from it. My present
plan is to utilize my midsummer
as a time for a visit to my
parents as I have been at
home less than one week during
the past seven years - my dear
parents and indeed most of my brothers
and sisters are in British Columbia
on the Pacific Coast so that it is
quite a long trip to go to see them
and cannot reasonably be under-
taken more than once before I

sail for Ceylon - all things considered this seems the best time to make this visit home.

I feel very grateful indeed to the Board for the prospect offered me of work for my Master in Ceylon - and to you personally for the very kind words you have written me. May it please the Lord who giveth all blessing, to give a measure of blessing on our effort - not that the praise may be ours but His, to Him be all the honor for it is all of His abundant grace -

I shall look for an early reply. Yours in His service

Thos. B. Scott M.D.

Mr. Oldham

Thos. B. Scott, M.D.
New Westminster. B.C.
Canada
July. 6. 1892
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Rec'd July 18

Rev N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir

Through our mutual friend Miss Leitch I learn that it is your wish to know whether Dr Macallum and I would be willing to go out to Ceylon in December of this year. I had for some time been thinking of the advisability of following this course, inasmuch as all seemed to agree in saying that this was the most suitable time of the year to enter upon life in that climate - I would have

been pleased to have prosecu
my medical studies further
but at the same time I valu
health so highly that I feel
it my duty, in view of a
life work, to guard it mos
carefully.

I have spoken to Dr. Ma
Callum about this and
am sure she also would b
most willing to do what
seemed wisest in the matter
I am much disappointed
in hearing of the turn in
affairs caused by the resig
-nation of Rev. E. Bell. This of
course lends some further
reason why we should
think of going earlier than

we had intended otherwise.
At present I am on a
visit to my parents and
have no opportunity of
consulting Dr Macallum
directly but may say that
as far as I can see at
present I will be willing
to go to Ceylon this coming
December. I feel deeply
grateful for the confidence
you have reposed in us
and trust through God
to be able to realize a
little of your bright anticip-
ation for our work in Ceylon.
expect to return to New York
early in September and in

meantime intend doing some
work on dentistry with a
friend in Belleville - Ont.
as soon as I return East
I remain Dear Sir
Yours in the Masters Service
Thos B Scott M

Address
"Marchmont Home"
Belleville - Ont.
Canada.

Thos. B. Scott, M.D. 248

Belleville, Canada, Aug. 18/92.

Rec'd Aug. 20. 1892.

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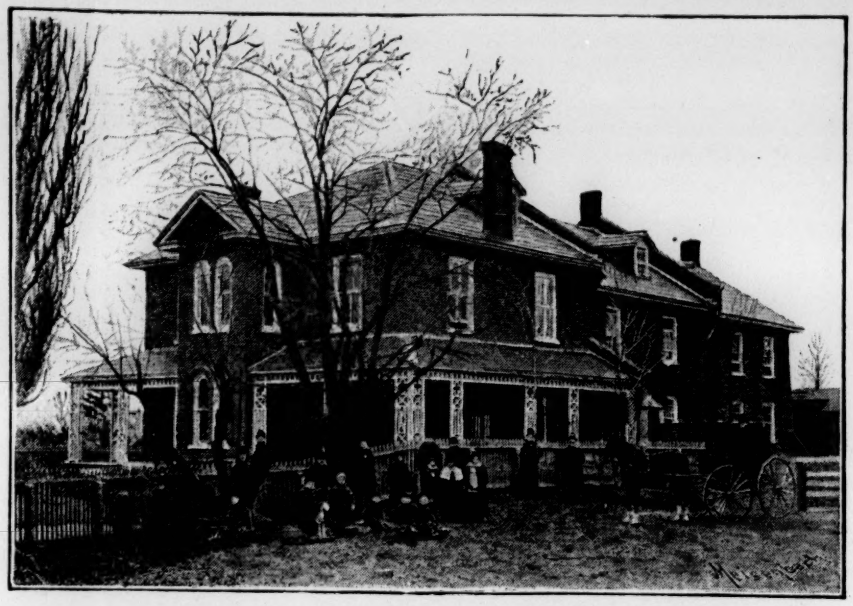
in part Aug. 20/92.



MARCHMONT HOME, BELLEVILLE, ONT.

Aug. 18. '92

Rev N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir

I have just completed arrangements to have my ordination in the evening of Sept. 1st in one of the Presbyterian churches of this City. It is hoped that Rev. D. Macallum of Marmora may be present to give an address on missions and perhaps from more direct

connection with members of the Board be in some measure a representative. In the meantime I am pursuing my study of dentistry - as soon as possible after ordination - I hope to go to New York for three months further post graduate work.

I have mislaid the manual you sent me. May I trouble you to send me another?

I suppose you have at your command information as to the sort of outfit required. If any prepared list is extant may I ask for one?

I am looking forward with great pleasure to

the prospect of work in Ceylon
I have little to offer my
Lord but even of my little
I learn "the Lord hath need".
May I be enabled like
the disciples with the few
loaves & fishes - to bring
all to the Master for His
blessing. and then I shall
expect to be blessed in my
efforts to carry the Bread
of Life to those who need this
precious truth. His living
Saviour. Difficulties shall
doubtless arise. but "it is
enough for the servant that
he be as his Lord." -

Yours in His Service
Thos B Scott. M.

118. East 45th St 249

New York City -
Sept. 12 - '92

Rev N.G. Clark D.D.

Dear Sir

Very many thanks for your favor of Aug. 29th - I shall write to Mottastings.

Will you please inform me what amount of personal outfit allowance is placed at our disposal that we may make our lists to correspond?

Further what allowance is made for Medical outfit? Is the list of instruments purchased for Dr Marston understood as part of my outfit irrespective the state of repair the instruments may maybe in?

In going to Ceylon we would like very much to visit Dr Macallum's sister at work in Smyrna. Can this be done with moderate amount of difficulty or change of route? If this is asking too difficult a question, to whom should I apply for information?

May I ask for one hundred and fifty Dollars on outfit allowance as soon as convenient?

My ordination was conducted on Sept 1st as intimated and my official papers have been given me placing me on a footing as a regular

ordained Missionary — I suppose it is perfectly in order for me to leave my name on the roll of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. If not what transfer papers do I require?

Pardon my troubling you with these enquiries.

Yours in the Masters Service

Thos. B. Scott. M.D.

Thos. B. Scott, M. D.

New York. Sept. 12/92

Recd Sept. 13. 1892

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New York 250

118 E. 45th St

Dr. Scott

Sept. 16. 1892

Dr Clark

Dear Sir.

Your kind favor to hand. In reply to your inquiry I may say that our present plan is to sail about the end of December - I hope to see you in Boston before I leave - I had hoped to be at the annual meeting but its being held in Chicago will prevent this. I send you receipt for amount of money forwarded for cheque.

Yours in Him.

Thos B Scott M.D.

New York 251

Sept. 15. 1892

$150.00/100.

Received from Rev N.G. Clark, per cheque by L.S. Ward Esq. the sum of one hundred and fifty Dollars on account for outfit allowance.

Thos B Scott M.D.

Thomas B. Scott.

New York. Sept. 16/92.

Rec'd Sept. 1892.

P.&O. S.S. "Chusan" 252

May 6.

Marsa Malta.

Rev. Thomas B. Scott

Reid May 22

Dear Dr Clark

I am somewhat afraid that I have sadly neglected your request to write to you from point to point with news of our progress. While I wrote to you from London shortly after our arrival there, I did not write just before we sailed, as I should have done, to say by which boat we intended to sail.

After a stay of eleven days in London during which time we enjoyed sunny fine weather of a sort quite

phenomenal in England, we set sail by P&O. S.S. "Chusan" April 28th. Fortunately we did not require to purchase very much in London so had it not been for the worthy of getting the surgical instruments put into repair we would have had very little to do. Mrs. Scott had never quite recovered from her cold contracted in Boston and this prevented her seeing very much of London. But she wishes me to say to you now, that she is very well - indeed, better than she has been since her last illness last autumn. We are

having a most delightful voyage. The weather has been favorable beyond our fondest expectation, and so a consequence we have had no sea sickness.

From day to day we are studying "Tamil" under the kind instruction of our mutual friends - the Misses Leitch - and making progress sufficient to encourage us to persevere - Miss Myers is well and busily engaged as ourselves in Tamil at which she shows herself not a dull pupil.

Our warmest regards to the members of the Committee

whom we have met
to Mr & Clark and to the
ladies in your office
Mr Scott joins me in
love

Yours Sincerely
Thos Beckett Scott

Dr. Thos. B. Scott

S.S. Thursan 253

Nearing Colombo.

May 24 93

Dear Dr Clark Recd June 22, 1893

With much pleasure I write you again as I am certain you are sitting with some little concern to hear how we enjoyed the journey. We are to reach Colombo this afternoon probably about three or four o'clock and this letter we will post there. The trip has been on the whole very enjoyable and not only so but very profitable. The Mediterranean was much cooler than it

usually so at this season of the year so we were able to wear our ordinary clothing - The Red Sea too favored us as the temperature was 22° - lower than the corresponding time last year -
The Indian Ocean has been pretty warm by reason of a slow following breeze and swell sufficient to cause us to close the ports - a few nights have consequently been almost intolerably warm - But we have had no rough weather since we left

England - and as a result
neither of the ladies have
been sick beyond a day
or two. Mrs. Scott has
enjoyed better health - than
any time since she was
ill last Autumn.
We have enjoyed the cool
berry we have had and
morning Bible Study
has been at once interesting
and profitable - we have
spent a little time each
day at Tamil and feel
encouraged with the result
which though small gives
hope that it will not be
quite impossible to master it -

The Misses Lutch have
been pleasant compan-
-ions and have given us
great help with the langu
We shall write again on
reaching Jaffna - Our
kind regards to all friend
with whom we would unite
in prayer to the Father wh
has so graciously blessed
us - Yours very Sincerely
Thos B Scott
Mrs Scott joins me in
love to you and the
friends whom we met in Bos

Manepay. Jaffna
Ceylon - ~~Aug~~ Sept 9th. 1893

Dr Clark

Dear Sir

Your proposition that I might perhaps be able to spend some time teaching in the college was received in due time. It was however judged impracticable as both Mr Scott and myself have as much as we can do in the line of medical work. We were not here a fortnight before we were forced to open the dispensary - and though we only began three days in the week we found that the intervening days were spent with the sick who persisted in coming. So much was this the case that we have been obliged to hold the dispensary open only two days in the week. We consulted with the members of the mission as to a plan of work and it was agreed that an admission fee of 25¢ (Ceylon Money) should be charged each patient.

in addition to which they should pay for their medicines. This we thought was only fair to the people themselves most of them being able to pay this small amount. only fair to the men trained by Dr Green who are doing good work here — and necessary to the maintenance of the work. We make a small charge also for surgical operations performed, the proceeds of which goes to the support of the work. We think that the running expenses of the work will be met in this way but to do proper work we have been obliged to order from ~~home~~ England a supply of drugs at once. The sum of money voted by the Board was spent largely in purchase of, and repairing instruments, as those left in London by Dr Marston were not in a condition to be used. Only a comparatively small portion was spent for medicines and surgical dressings. Is there not some money in the treasury of the Board to maintain

the work? If so I would make application for the sum of four
$400.00/100 hundred Dollars to be applied to the work as above stated.
We found the old dispensary used by Dr Green insufficient in accomodation for both to work as Mr Scott sees the women separately. so with the consent of the Mission we are using the So. Mamepay House for that purpose and now we make use of the old dispensary as a temporary hospital. We have nine in patients at the present time, and at the out-door department we have attended about five hundred in less than two months. We have received about four hundred and fifty Rupees part of which has been spent in paying helpers. putting things in working order etc. We feel the work harder than we would like at this stage of our life here but we hope it will become somewhat easier as we are able to arrange it better.

We are specially well pleased to hear of the departure of Revd R.C. Hastings & wife & Mr Best for Ceylon—

With very kind wishes to all the friends.

I remain

Yours Very Sincerely
T.B. Scott

P.S. Instead of sending the money to me I have arranged to have an old friend who lives near London do the business for me. Could you ask Mr Ward to send the money to

Miss A. Bilbrough
92 Wellesley Road
Croydon—
England

and oblige

Yours Most Sincerely
Thos Beckett Scott

Rev. J. B. Scott.

Maneffy, Sept. 9. 1893

Rec'd Oct. 14.

O. C. Ward

Not security L.S.U. until Dec. 15/93. when the $400 was sent to Mrs A. Billbrough, as desired. — L.S.U.

Manepay, Jaffna, Ceylon.

Dear Dr Clark

In our first letter we told of our arrival in Jaffna, we shall now tell of the beginning of our work. On the twelfth of June, we came to our new home which had been set in order for us by the other members of the mission previous to our arrival in Jaffna. We found the house much more commodious and comfortable than we had expected, notwithstanding the bright picture presented to us by the Missionary Leitch. The rooms are large with high ceilings which protect us from the effect of the heated tiles, while the windows, closed only with Venetian blinds, give free access to the breeze from whatsoever quarter it comes. Our servants came to us without being sought, a boon many housekeepers in America would appreciate. ✠ Before we came to our own home, but more particularly after we came to Manepay, the people began to bring their sick friends to us. We tried to persuade them to wait until we were fairly settled but in vain; so we were obliged to open the dispensary the following week. From week to week the number presenting themselves for treatment increases, and now our time is almost wholly occupied.

the dispensary was opened on the 19th of June. During the remaining part of that month 30 female and 54 male patients came to us. Some came repeatedly for medicines which made the total number treated in June 113. In July we received 132 women and 129 men with a total number of treatments 445. In August 150 women and 207 men were treated. The total number of patients who received medicine being 712. In addition to these outdoor patients we have seen a number of women in their homes.

We began work in the old building so long used by Dr Green as a dispensary but we found it inconvenient, as Dr Mary Scott required a separate room in which to see the women and children. With the consent of the mission we moved into the vacant mission house adjoining the church. This gives us separate rooms for men and women, a private room for special examinations, a dispensing room, a dark room for ophthalmoscopic work, and an operating room. The large verandahs on either side furnish ample waiting rooms for all.

The old dispensary building being now vacant, we began to use it as a temporary hospital, and have found it exceedingly useful, especially for patients receiving surgical treatment.

One peculiarity in hospital practice here is that the patients friends all want to come with him. Three or four, and even as many as a dozen, will come and stay around, sleeping on the verandahs, or in front of the hospital door. This has its disadvantages where the patient needs quiet; but it has the advantage of affording a special opportunity of speaking to them of the Saviour under circumstances which invite their thoughtful attention.

We have been very fortunate in securing competent Christian assistants. When Dr Mary Scott's need of a women to interpret for her, and assist with the female patients became known, every one interested united in recommending a young woman who for nine years had lived with Mr & Mrs Trimmer missionaries of the Wesleyan Church. She bears the name of one who for over forty years worked among the women and girls of Jaffna, Eliza Agnew. For some time she has had a longing to study medicine, a profession as yet little known to Tamil women. She has refused offers of marriage against the wishes of her best friends, hoping that some time she might be able to accomplish her object. When she heard of the possibility of coming to us,

she said this was God's way of making her fit to help her sisters in Jaffna. She came to us and has proved eminently helpful.

For the general conduct of the work in the dispensary, and special assistant to myself as interpreter, I have engaged a young man, Albert Curtis. He is a graduate of Jaffna College, where, while a student, he became a Christian. He comes of a family whose caste is counted one of the highest in the province. His friends were much dis-pleased with his decision to become a Christian. When they found him firm, they yielded so far as to allow him a place in the home, hoping to effect a heathen marriage, and thus draw him back. However, by the advice of the missionaries, a Christian marriage was arranged with a daughter of Dr. Hills who at one time was a student of the late honored Dr. Green. His relatives made every effort in their power to prevent this marriage, even to carrying it to the courts, but failing in this, disinherited him. His father died subsequent to his becoming a Christian, but previous to his marriage. For two years he has not seen his mother. Since his marriage he has lived with his father-in-law, and during that time has studied Western medicine. This makes him

valuable assistant, as his knowledge of drugs enables him to dispense with fair accuracy. In addition to this, he has proved so trustworthy that he can safely be left in charge of all things about the dispensary. He is fast becoming a competent surgical dresser, while his amiable disposition and true Christian character make him the friend of all.

For the evangelistic work among the patients while waiting, we have engaged Mr Fidah whose long experience in teaching in mission schools, and subsequent work as a catechist makes him a capable helper. He holds a meeting every dispensary day with the patients, and then spends the rest of the time in personal conversation, and distribution of tracts. Mrs Fidah also works similarly among the women. We have also a dispenser and an assistant employed, and an orderly all of whom are doing good service. #

I have said very little in this letter about our success in winning the patients to accept Christ, and as now my letter is of sufficient length, I shall leave the particulars of this side of the work for next letter. We are gaining the confidence of the people, and some of the strictest heathen, among them even some priests, have entrusted themselves to our care. Some have professed

to accept Christ, while others while not relinquishing heathenism have been made very warm friends of the Medical Mission. Here we must close hoping to let you know again of the progress of the work. Our prayer, with yours for God's blessing on the work of witnessing here and at home shall always be blended, feeling as we do, that the work is one the whole world over.

Your Sincere friends and co-workers for the Master

J. Beckett & Mary E. Macallum

Secy. Recd Oct. 27, 1893
Encouraging work
Hold Tabernacle

Kodaikanal So India
Dec. 15. 1893

Dear Dr Clark

Your very kind words directing us to attend more to study than to Medical Work during these first years, we appreciate very much. It was with no intention of our own that we were urged so strongly into Medical work not indeed of our fellow missionaries, but we were impelled to do as we did by the demands of the sick. However, acting on your advice we did the only thing possible to permit of study viz. closed the dispensary. Then as this room did not free us from medical calls we acted on the advice of our missionary friends and taking Munshi with us retired from Jaffna for a time. We liked the work but felt that it was driving us beyond our strength, Here we enjoy the surroundings and with good opportunity for exercise during the day. we do better study and have

much better appetite for food.

I specially write at this date to ask about a letter I wrote some months ago making a request for a further grant of the money in hand for Medical work. I have heard nothing about it one way or the other (I wrote to Mr Ward) and as the medicines have been ordered and are indeed stored now in Jaffna the Druggist is asking once and again for the money in payment. Could it be possible that the letter miscarried? Why else was no mention made of it? Was the request not granted. At least I should have heard of it. Perhaps ~~you~~ the Committee thought the $350. granted me before I left was or ought to have been sufficient. Let me explain about it. I was obliged to expend something over $100 in New York for surgical outfittings. Then when I came to London I found the Surgical Instruments which had been stored there so badly damaged with rust that over half of the remaining amount was spent in repairs. This left me very little for Medicines and the

large number of patients that came to us soon used this up. We were forced to have helpers and as their salary had to come from the income of the dispensary, money that ought to have been in hand to buy new drugs was thus spent. Moreover to send to London for a small supply was only to increase very largely the expense by reason of freight etc. Therefore by the advice of Dr Howland I ordered a fairly large supply and asked for $400.00/100 from the Committee.

According to the report of funds in hand for Jaffna Medical Mission there are funds to be used as Salaries for helpers. None of this we have yet received, though our Catechist is in regular correspondence with the Lady that supports him sending money through the Board. Our local treasurer knows nothing of such funds. Can we not have a statement of the money available for such purposes. You in a former letter said you hoped we

would be able to make the Medical Work largely self-supporting. I think this can fairly be expected. but we must first have medicines to sell if we are to carry on the work. You will thus see the urgency and the reasonableness of the request for £400.0.0 four hundred Dollars, and unless something is done at once. the Medical Work is in a very awkward position in relation to the Wholesale Druggist, and to my personal friend who has kindly acted as my agent. Please send this sum to my agent Miss A. Bilbrough 92. Wellesley Road. Croydon. Eng. at your earliest convenience.

With the assistant voted by the Meeting of the Board your work will be much lighlened this coming year I hope.

Hoping soon to hear from you on the subject of this letter

I remain

Yours Very Sincerely
(Rev) Thos B Scott M.D.

Rec. Jan. 15, 93
Ans. Jan. 17 '93

Kodaikanal
So India.
Dec. 27. 1893

Dear Dr Clarke

By this week's post I received your letter apprising me of the grant of £400. for the Jaffna Medical Work. It has relieved my mind very much. Many thanks for the kindness shown. You advise my making my requests that are of a nature to affect finances through the local Treasurer. I can quite understand and appreciate such a suggestion and will seek to follow it. In my last request I followed the advice of the treasurer Dr S. Howland and only erred in writing the letter myself instead of asking him to do it. We are enjoying our stay and our opportunities for study here. May I still look for a statement of the funds available for helpers salaries from the Board.

Yours Very Sincerely
T. B. Scott.

(Manepay Jaffna Ceylon.)

Kodi Kanal, Dec. 27. 1893.

Rec'd Feb. 7. 1894.

Kodaikanal So India
Mar. 18 1894

Dear Dr Clarke

Your letter of Feb. reached us this last week. We are very grateful for the kindness of the friends who have thus contributed to the work at Manepay. I wish you had given us the name of the friends that we might have the privilege of thanking them by a personal letter.

You ask for a definite description of our surroundings - You may not have in mind the letter we wrote Mr Strong and which he had printed in "The Herald" in which we gave most of this information. Our Residence is in the North Manepay house so long used by the missionaries who have preceded us, the same in which Dr Green so long resided —

You will remember that the Misses Leitch collected funds for the purpose of fitting up a house for Dr Marston. These funds were used to fit up So Manepay house a building in the adjoining compound about

~~one hundred and fifty yards from our house.~~

Thus

150 yds from our house. This building, being vacant, the mission approved of our occupying it as a dispensary. It has proved very commodious and convenient as it affords separate apartments in which to treat the men and women.—

The small old building used by Dr Green as a dispensary for so many years, we have repaired somewhat and thus have accommodation for about one dozen in-patients. This of course is only a temporary hospital as it is not very suitable and requires to be furnished. There is no furniture. All we have done is to give shelter, the patients supplying bedding food etc.—

As to resources for carrying on our work The Committee as you know has granted funds for purchase of medicines. As we have the patients pay for medicines we hope to keep the proceeds to refit the stock of drugs from time to time. But this of course does not provide for salaries for assistants. The only resource we have for this is the fees for surgical work

We girls from our house, who are building being
vacant the Indian office would have accepted
it for us as a dormitory. It has proved very
commodious and convenient as it affords a
separate apartment in which to treat the
men and women.

The unselfish building used by them
as a dormitory for so many years, we
have refused something and this from
accommodation for school or religious
purposes. The Council is only a temp-
orary lease as it is not very suitable
and requires to be furnished. This is no
furniture. All we have done is to pur
shelter, the Catholic supplying bedding food
etc.

We be assured by certain on our work
The Committee as you have made have provided
funds for purchase of furniture. As we
know the Catholic Council in Ireland are
trying to raise the funds to erect the
stock of cows from time to time. But this
of course does not provide for salaries
for assistants. The only resource we have
for this is the fees for unpaid work

and such other work as does not mean outlay of funds in hand –
We have been told that some lady in England contributes annually through the Board for the support of our evangelist. another lady supports a Bible Woman.. Miss Leitch reports this but we have not had any official notice of it from Treasurer Ward. – We feel that in order to do the evangelistic work which you wish and we ourselves desire, we must have competent helpers. How such helpers would be supported we have not sufficiently clear ideas –
Will you please have the request we have already made, for information of funds in the hands of the treasurer for medical salaries to assistants building etc, answered. We have heard much from the Misses Leitch about funds promised for that work but we can not presume to go to work on promises not from official quarters –
We have both, (Mr Scott and myself.) profited much from our stay on the Hills. and are both in good health. Yours Most Sincerely

Manepay Jaffna Ceylon — Thos. B. Scott. M.D.

Kodai Kanal, March 18, 1894.

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Manepay Jaffna Ceylon
Feb. 5. 1895

Dear Friends,

As the year has expired, we write you some account of the work, and the way in which we have spent the summer. On our return from the Pulney Hills we found a great many patients were anxious to obtain our services. So much was this the case that we saw we would never be able to do all that came to us and maintain our ability to work. A competent assistant was necessary. This after some careful enquiry we found in the person of Dr Mills one of the former students of the late Dr Green. From long practice he is well and favorably known through the province, and the choice made has been found highly satisfactory to all. There have passed under our care during the past six months 1198 patients about one half of whom were women. The return of some of these for continued treatment occasioned the total enrolment of 2510 cases.

We have taken as many as possible into hospital but our limited accommodation has allowed of only 64 in all. The in-patients coming under our eye for a greater or lesser time continuously have with very few ex

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-ptions improved in health. This has shown to the friends the value of hospital treatment, and we could readily admit more patients than we have room for. We have done a limited amount of su[illegible]y. Some cases of cataract extraction have been of unusual success, and have attracted attention of a favorable nature. We are just preparing plans to build a hospital with the funds so generou[illegible] contributed by friends in America and England. It may seem as if we had been tardy, but the reason we have not done more towards this object has been that we were very anxious to ascertain the best way of investing the money given so often at a great sacrifi[illegible] We feel the importance of the trust, and are desirous of using it so that we may not afterwards feel it was unwisely spent. We are sure we will have the approval of our generou[illegible] benefactors in this, though more hasty action mig[illegible] have given us a larger report this year [illegible]h a view to removing the burden from the home friends as much as possible, we have collected from the patients as they were able to pay [illegible] this way for the maintenance of the work we have secured the sum of 1800 Rupees or about $500. A large part of this has gone towards replenishing our stock of medicines, the remainder for the support of native helpers and other current expenses. In the supply of

medicines we are very grateful to G. F. Harvey of Saratoga Springs for another donation.

This year, as heretofore, our helpers have given us very great satisfaction in the discharge of their duties. In faithfulness, in loyalty to the work and in efforts to improve the opportunity of bringing the Gospel to fellow-countrymen, they are not behind those who have been more highly favored with the privileges of an enlightened land. We thank God that those whom we have been led to employ have given us such true helps in our work.

Hitherto we have spoken only of our Medical work. You may be interested to hear of other works we have on hand. We have supervision of twelve day schools. These are mainly supported by Government grants given in proportion to progress made. We have full control and we seek to appoint Christian teachers who carry out a regularly prepared system of Scriptural teaching. Here the little ones learn of Christ and we know that in some cases they accept the Saviour while children as later years testify. We have two self supporting churches and two stations which receive some help from the mission in addition to what they can contribute. We have been much cheered by the spirit manifested by our church members this year. When it was mentioned to the Committee that the Board had been forced to cut

down our appropriations this year. They asked, "what proportion?". When told that it was about one-third they unanimously voted that they would bear the burden of one-third the assistance the Board was giving our weak stations. What does this mean? It means that a sum equal to one third of the pastors salary is to be raised extra. This is all the more creditable by reason of the fact that they had previously voted to begin work among the women and children of a low caste village near at hand. The cost of this work will equal about another one fourth of the pastors salary. Think of this! What would the Prudential Committee say if our Home churches would step forward at the same pace? What could they not do. The watchword of the church for the year is "Go Forward", the plan of giving is "Something from every member". We confidently expect great blessing from the year's work. We have eight Bible women in regular employ. One of these has been stricken with an incurable disease that will probably soon prove fatal. When her month salary was taken to her, she said "why should I get money this month when I did no work" Yet she was so poor that she preferred to lie out under a tree on the bare sand in preference to the miserable hovel which was her shelter by night. To one of our Christian helpers she said "I am not afraid to die". Some

of her heathen neighbors standing by expressed surprise saying, we thought she came to our houses to read the Bible for money, but now we see she believed every word of it. What noble testimony! I would that our brethren who ask. "What standard of Christian life do these native Christians attain?", could all receive as noble testimony.

Our letter has already attained sufficient length. You will pardon our long silence when you see that our work demands so much time that it is exceedingly difficult to find opportunity to write about it. Yet we are pleased that you should know what we are doing. that you may the more intelligently pray that the seed sown may in due time bring forth good fruit.

Yours in the Master's Service
J. Beckett & Mary E. Macallum Scott.

Manchester, Feb. 5, 1895.

Dear Sir:

Our letter has already attained sufficient publicity to warrant our bringing it first after-wards to your notice. It is exceedingly difficult to write about it. Yet we are placed where we must do something. We are clearly aware of the more intellectually fruitful lives many in our town living.

Yours for the Martyrs cause

Elizabeth & Mary E. McCollum death

J. L. B.
Rec'd
Ans'd

Manepay. Jaffna Ceylon
Sept. 9. 1895

Dear Dr Barton

As I have so long neglected to answer your kind letter, I am almost ashamed to write to you at this time. But though long delay has occurred, longer would be culpable neglect. I am sure you will give kindly attention to letters from individuals though busy with official letters of secretaries. I write to make clearer to you if possible the situation of the medical missionary in Jaffna. Mr Scott (MD) and I came to this field in June '93, and were located at Manepay a station long occupied by the late Dr Green. At this station we found (1) a missionary's residence. (2) a house formerly used by the missionary physician and recently repaired. (3) An old building formerly used by Dr Green as a dispensary. (4) An old building used by a firm of native Christians as printing office & book bindery. (5) A building used by the mission as a depository for books tracts printing material etc

(6) Church, schools, and catechists houses.
We took up our residence in the missionary bungalow 201. and for convenience of our work were voted by the mission the use of building No 2 as a dispensary – Building No 3 we have used as a small hospital.
When it became evident that larger accomodation was necessary for hospital patients, the funds collected by the Misses Leitch for a hospital were asked for and found to be about $4444. Rather than purchase a new site the mission proposed to us to take over buildings No 4. & 5 and modify them as necessary for hospital purposes. The Depot No 4 was voted to be transferred to Tillipally, and (at the suggestion of Rev L.B.Smith I think) the value of R500. placed upon it to be used to replace it. All agreed that this was all the building was worth to the Medical Department. Such of the catechists houses as I took I should replace by other suitable ones. About the transfer of building No 5 a difficulty has grown up. Mr Smith asked that R1000 be paid for it and the paid sum be given to the Tillipally

Industrial School. This school was started by Mr Smith in opposition to the wishes of the members of the mission at that time, and is still carried on by him as a private enterprise not approved by the mission as a department of mission work. His printing establishment was opened in opposition to, the firm of native printers occupying the building in question. As the mission wishes to encourage private enterprise among our Christians it was voted to continue to give them a portion of the printing, they to build a building elsewhere on their own property to which they agreed. Further it was not approved by the mission to transfer the value of the old building from mission control to the Industrial School which was a private enterprise Dr Howland & Rev R B Hastings voted that it be given to the medical department to use as possible. Mr Smith maintained that this was a transfer to the Medical Department which was not any fairer than to the Industrial department; but the other members maintained that the medical department was by the Board recognized as part of our mission work.

and was therefore on a different footing from the Industrial School. Mr Smith unwillingly gave up his claim but now asks that more than $500 be given to him at Lillipal to replace the depository — the other members of the mission still agree that the full value was paid for the old building and that moreover $500 is quite sufficient to rebuild a building sufficient for the needs of the depository, but Mr Smith aims at a building large enough to allow a part of it to be used for his Industrial School work or workers. I do not wish to criticize Mr Smith's industrial work but to show the vote and action of the Mission and to prove that I have not pressed any claim in opposition to the wish of the majority of the mission. I stoutly maintain that the funds in hand are not larger than is necessary to erect suitable buildings and should not be diminished to help other work, and in this am sustained by the vote of the mission. I understand that Mr Smith as Secretary has hinted in a letter that the Mission while disapproving of my position did not like to vote me down. I have written

this to show the true situation and I request that you will ask Dr Swift and Rowland to talk over the matter with you. It is easier to give a clear view in conversation than in writing. It is very unpleasant to me to be represented as dealing unfairly and independently of the opinion of my brother missionaries. To show how I am represented I quote from Rev J S Smith's last letter to me which is but one of several he has written. "I never dreamed that you could be capable of such unwillingness to make a fair provision at least for the Depository ~~work~~ at Tillipally. I cannot believe that such unwillingness to deal fairly with other departments of mission work can in the long run fail to work injury to your own department. It seems to me that principles of fairness justice and generosity ought to apply to the conduct and treatment of all departments of the work and that it is poor policy to rob Peter to pay Paul." My previous statements are sufficient to show how unfair this. It is just one sample of the effort to have the Industrial School considered as a Department on equal terms with other

mission work. Please do not consider that I write to complain of Mr Smith but as he has placed me in an unfair position in his letter I wish to justify myself.

We shall look for reports of much blessing from the Annual Meeting of the Board next month.

Yours in the Masters Service
(Rev) Thos B Scott M.D.

Newspaper, Sept. 9th 1895.
Rec'd Oct. 18.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 4-13-96
Ans'd 17

Kodaikanal S. India
Mar. 18. 1896

Dear Dr. Barton.

We are pleased to learn that you are at home again. but regret very much that you were unable to come to us in Ceylon before returning. We have some questions before us which you would have been better able to understand, had you been able to "view the land". However as it was denied us by the force of circumstances which called you home direct we will wait and hope that if the suggestions made by the Boards Deputation to Japan. that occasional visits be made to the various fields by the Secretaries we may ere long see some one from the Rooms if not your Self. Perhaps I am wrong in saying that this was your recommendation but it was at best an inference drawn by some after hearing the report made on Japan that such visits would be very valuable to you and to us also.

Indirectly we have heard that the

Board has accepted as a part of its work the Medical Work for Women which was begun by our friends the Misses Leitch. - As this must of necessity largely affect our work at Manepay. I am very anxious to know on what conditions it was taken over. These buildings are 2½ miles from the General Medical Mission at Manepay. I notice that occasionally reference is made to our work as a work for men. which I object to as Mrs Scott being a physician we have an almost equal number of men and women attending our dispensary and staying in our hospital. This new Hospital buildings, so far from us to be worked by one staff of assistants. and yet too not far enough to be for a separate portion of the community, will I fear make some important changes in our work. We have no need to fear friction if the Board has been careful to notice that in the recommendation given to the Misses Leitch by the Mission - the words "absolute control" are inserted. If any conditions have been suggested o

the Misses Leitch which gave them a controlling voice in the conduct or methods of work I fear for the future. This branch of the work ought to be emphatically declared to be on the same footing as the the branch ~~mission~~ in which we are engaged. We as a mission should must have the sole power to appoint assistants to the lady physicians appointed by the Board, of course with the approval of the said lady physicians. The salaries should not be promised by any other persons, no matter how much interested in the work they may be. It may be that the Prudential Committee has been careful to provide for such, but from correspondence we have learned of ~~seen~~ we hear ~~been~~ that even to the lady physicians who were asked to apply some promises of salary and perquisites were made which would put such persons on a different footing from other members of the mission. This ought not to be as it will surely occasion trouble and misunderstanding. If you will assure the appointed lady physician that she comes as one

to whom all the privileges of a regularly appointed missionary of the Board and responsible only to the Board for all her work it will be a boon to her even as it was to us to be so informed by the late Dr Clark. And if privately you can tell the lady physician appointed that she will be wise not to commit herself to the Misses Lilich as to any plan of work she will follow. It may save her a great deal of trouble when she comes. I mention these things in confidence to you because you must know that the methods employed by the Misses Lilich, our friends it is true, are not wholly approved by the mission. and we are very anxious that the lady who comes should be one with us in what as a body we deem the wisest methods of work. Please inform the lady or ladies appointed that one full year of family study before beginning work is a necessity to the proper conduct of the work later.

I need not say that the necessary reductions of appropriations have caused us

a good deal of regret. We know you have not done what you have without reason and we must only hope and pray that the funds of this Board will soon be such that this burden may be somewhat lifted. Our churches in Ceylon are nobly coming forward to the help of this work but there is danger of pressing them towards self-support faster than they can possibly go. In our medical work also we employ somewhat different methods to those employed in India but by collecting fees and cost of medicines we have been able this year to meet two-thirds of the whole cost of the work exclusive of Missionaries' salaries. a fact of no small importance in these days of straitened funds.-

We are enjoying a short season of rest at the hill station of So India but soon will return to our work again. We trust that you may at Home be given the spirit of wisdom in appointing affairs so that we may with one mind push on to the realization of our desire that Jaffna may soon come to the knowledge of the Saviour. Yours very Sincerely

Thos B. Scott

P.S. Please understand that this letter is not written with any ill-will to the Misses Lilch but the disappointments arising out of the appointment of Dr Marston to the general medical work and later of Dr Lucille Leslie and Miss Walker, a nurse to this same Women's Medical Work were largely due to false impressions received about the nature of the work and partly to the relation which the Misses Lilch bore to them. We desire harmony between the two branches of the work and also earnestly we that the new appointee may be spared the bitter disappointment which some others have been subjected to.

J.B.S.

March 18 1896.

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J. L. B.
Rec'd. 6-17-97
Ans'd. 7-14

Dear Dr. Barton.

In writing to you I should apologize for the fact that I have not done my duty hitherto in keeping you informed of the work in which we are engaged. You will see from our Report the method we have followed with regard to collecting fees etc from our patients with the gratifying results attending it. I am convinced that it is the correct method for Jaffna and I expect the Women's Medical Mission will adopt the same or a similar plan. Hitherto, I have not been able to do such personal evangelistic work as I feel is desirable. My work has crowded me so that I could only do that

this could only be done by neglecting study of Tamil. More and more we expect to be able to do this however as we become more able to speak in Tamil and require less actual study of it. The best results we have obtained thus far, have been from the hospital patients So we look forward hopefully as we see our hospital buildings approaching completion, when we shall be able to accommodate as many as we can properly care for. This will however take at least a year yet for completion although one ward of 8 beds is now ready for occupancy.

With regard to the suggestion from Miss Leitch which you have forwarded me concerning asking for aid. I have consulted my

fellow Missionaries and they agree with me that while it may be worth while asking, there is little hope that such aid can be obtained. Govt does considerable work in this way of planting hospitals and dispensaries in Jaffna. The conditions under which Dr Green obtained a grant in former years have entirely changed. However we plan to make some effort, which effort has been delayed by my enforced residence at Kodaikanal.

For the past year I have suffered much from hemorrhoids, and finally I decided on operation. On consultation with physicians, they recommended that such operation should be done only at some Hill Resort. Dr A. Ellis of the

London Mission Travancore So India consented to do the operation and we were fortunate in securing the assistance of Dr Lewis Scudder of the Reformed Church Mission, Arcot, So India. I am pleased to report the operation very successful and I am only waiting now to regain strength to return to work. I hope by the relief thus obtained, I shall constantly improve in health, and in ability to remain long in the work we have learned to love. I cannot speak strongly enough of the kind and sympathetic attention given by Dr Fells.

The Treasurer Bro Wiggin has asked for a detailed account of the building fund with instructions to credit to the Current Account

the expended balance. As the work is not completed yet we can not speak of any balance, nor can we give a satisfactory detailed account until the work is completed. I think it is not probable that there will be any balance after completing the work, though I am working as economically as possible.

I hope to send you more regularly accounts of the work we are doing - Mr Scott joins with me in the prayer that the work of the Home Committee may be lightened by the receipt of such funds as may be necessary to relieve the present stringency.

Yours Sincerely
Thos B Scott

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-19-97
Ans'd 20

Manepay. Jaffna
Ceylon June. 13. 97

Dear Dr Barton.

I wrote some little time before we left Kodaikanal, concerning our sojourn there, and the benefit that came to me at the hands of Dr Fells. Since we returned to Jaffna we have felt much abler to do the work that lay at our hands, and for this we praise our Heavenly father.

While we were absent from Jaffna, Dr Irwin took charge of domestic affairs in our home, doing some evangelistic work, while continuing her study of Tamil. Dr Carr took the medical work in both hospital and out door dispensary. Both have made good progress in Tamil. Dr Carr has won golden opinions from the people by her medical work. She seems eminently fitted for this work.

I wish to speak of a matter in relation to Dr Irwin which is causing us anxious thoughts. I believe you are acquainted with one, Ruthinam, a son of one of

our native pastors who is at present prosecuting his studies in Princeton N.J. USA. D. Irwin, while engaged in medical post-graduati-work in New York, became acquainted with this young man, and he proposed to teach her Tamil. By this means an intimacy sprung up which led to an engagement, and, finally, unknown to her parents, or any of her friends, they were secretly married by some New York minister. Their plan seems to have been to keep this always a secret, viewing it simply as a private pledge of constancy, and, ultimately, to be married again publicly. Owing to their constant correspondence, the suspicions of some of our native helpers were aroused, and to clear the matter I held a definite interview with her with the result that she confessed the above facts. I have consulted with the other members of the mission ~~to~~ individually and each has expressed the opinion that the Board ought to be informed. Very probably the Mission will notify the Board through the Secretary

within a few days, and offer their opinion on the matter, so I refrain from offering any opinion but simply state the facts. In justice to Mr Dowin I ought to say that she appears to have thought she was led of God in every step, and therefore is not conscious of any wrong-doing either towards her parents or towards the Board. This subject has troubled me much since I learned the truth a few days ago, and it is that I may do what appears to be my duty that I write this letter as an individual member of the mission. It is a great sorrow to write a letter which may appear to be finding fault with a fellow-worker in the Mission field.

With sincere desire that the Kingdom of our Lord may be advanced at home and abroad. I remain

Yours Very Sincerely

Thos. B. Scott

Rev. J. B. Scott

Manepy, Jaffna, June 13, 97

J. L. B.
Rec'd 11-1-97
Ans'd 12-10

Manepay. Jaffna Ceylon
Sept. 25. 1897.

Dear Dr Barton

I thank you for the kind letters you have written to us with regard to the difficulty that arose with Dr Rutnam. She has probably reported herself at the Rooms ere you get this. At the earnest solicitation of her parents she consented to return to America cherishing the fond hope that she may bring about a reconciliation with them and her husband. —

With regard to her successor, we have carefully considered the present need and with the full approval of Dr Curr I will say that we think a fully trained nurse would be the best associate for Dr Curr at present. As the work develops I think it would be wise for her to have an associate physician. This may come in a year or two. The other members of the mission approve of such an appointment.

Yours Sincerely
Thos B. Scott

Rev. T. B. Scott

Rev. C. B. Scott,
Jaffna, Sept. 25, '97

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Manepay, Jaffna Ceylon
Oct 21. 1897

Dear Dr Barton

Your letter of Sept 14 has come to hand by last mail. By the same mail a letter has come from you to our Secretary in which rather disconcerting possibilities are disclosed to us. Both letters bear intimately on the future of the Board's work in Ceylon. In your letter to me you ask me to give my "judgment on the ~~case as~~ arrangement as it now exists" – and a little further on you write "The work has usually been considered as outside of our regular work". I am unable to give my judgment on the present arrangement as I have no certain knowledge of any definite arrangement. When I applied to the Board for appointment and was accepted, it was, as I understood, similar to other appointments of the Board, not for a term of years, but for a life work. When we visited Boston, it was made very plain to us by Dr Clarke that we were "appointed by the Board and to it we were responsible for the conduct of our work and to no others." It was with that understanding we came out, and took

our place in the mission as one on an equal footing with others. The other members of the mission accepted us as such. At the same time we have understood from the Misses Leitch that they had made some pledge to the Board to the effect that they would be responsible for our support for five years. We naturally understood that to be an arrangement with which we had nothing to do as the Board did not consult us nor did it ask any pledge of us of any kind that was not asked of all regularly appointed missionaries. Hence we considered that we were appointed only for five years with the strong probability that we might be recalled at the end of that time, we would not have accepted the appointment. We have been here now somewhat over four years. We have been largely handicapped in our work by the time necessarily spent in acquiring the Tamil and in superintending the building of our hospital that we might do work under the best possible conditions. By the Reports sent, you will see that outside of our own salaries, we have collected here over half, and, last year, nearly three fourths of the expenses of the work. This we have labored to do in accordance with Dr Clark's request that

we should endeavor as far as possible to make our work self-supporting. Were we to take a different course we could doubtless have a greater number of patients to record, with the necessity also of larger expenditure but less local resources and consequently greater draught on the funds collected in America. We have written from time to time to the Misses Leitch. The burden of the work has not permitted us to write as often as they requested us to do. At the same time it is true that we might have written oftener. If it is true that we have not done our legitimate share of the work we bore our lawful portion of the burden of collecting funds & deeply regret it. It ought to be noted however that to write often means to write in minute details. In a medical work there may be much that is extremely interesting from the doctor's point of view. It may be that much of the work would be of interest if reported in the columns of a medical journal, but quite out of place in the ordinary periodicals or special appeals. I am willing to do all I am able to assist in lightening the difficulties of the financial situation, now so embarrassing to the Board. You ask us to consider "one of the

conditions" which Miss Leitch proposes. With regard to this we are willing to write to the Board at more frequent intervals, and will write to Miss Leitch also more or less frequently but to guarantee quarterly letters is a difficult promise to make. I can assure you that we sympathize with you in your present need of funds. Surely none can feel this more deeply than we who on this field are work crippled for lack of means to push it forward. I think we might be trusted to write often if such a definite request was made from the Rooms, but it is not pleasant to feel the restraint of "conditions" under which to work. Perhaps it is only a little bit of the "old man" in me which makes me meet "You must" with "I don't want to." The Board has never laid such restraints on us as are irksome. We appreciate the confidence reposed in us that we would work to the best advantage. If we ought to help the work at home more by writing oftener let us know and we will readily do it. But I fear the Secretaries burdened with the important larger questions of the many fields would find minuti details of every day work in individual stations a tire-

some lot of correspondence

May I ask what are the other "conditions"? I trust that none such as give a controlling voice to any outside the Prudential Committee are agreed to. We wish to be considered regular missionaries of the Board as we were at first given to understand and to which request I see no difficulty tho. funds are specially raised. In a letter received this week we see the recommendation that individual missionaries be supported by individuals or individual churches. Even where such is done I think it is usual for the person thus supported to be controlled by the general committee of the mission under which he or she works.

We have been and are happy in our work. No irksome restraint has hitherto been laid upon us. If such be laid upon us now. I fear the arrangement will not be a happy one.

I have thus tried to present my views that you may know exactly our attitude. Your proposed visit will be the best solution of the present situation.

It is not yet time to leave Jaffna alone unless you mean to put this work into the hands of some other mission. Some of the institutions cannot be so left. A large portion of our self-support comes from the little paid by our employed helpers. If this employment be discontinued the work will suffer, for the fact remains that a large number of our independent christians do not contribute their fair share of the expenses of the churches.

May the Lord guide into all the truth respecting this mission and enable you to decide wisely.

Very Sincerely,

Thos. B. Scott.

Oct. 21, '97

Rev - T. B. Scott, M.D. 2665

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Manipay, Jaffna

Jan. 30 '95

Dear Dr Barbin,

Your letter to hand by last mail. We are much pleased to have your renewed assurance with - regard to our relation to the Board.

Since the year began, we have been thro. a very trying time. Our little boy was taken down with diphtheria and as a last resort to save his life we had to perform tracheotomy. God blessed our effort and answered the multitude of prayers that were offered by missionary and native friends.

What it meant to oper-

all very few physicians will ever understand, as the practice is usually followed that a physician seldom attends his own family in sickness. It was the most trying piece of surgery I have ever been asked to do. Yet had I not been able to do it but had been obliged to see the child die without the assistance a physician could give as many missionaries have done. It would have been much harder. Dr Carr rendered us invaluable assistance but at that particular time and in the anxious days of watching that followed. She has been most kind and helpful.

The little patient is now convalescent and we have brought

him down to the sea for the change and sea air. We hope to see him regain his wonted strength in Dublin. Mrs Scott has suffered a good deal as you can well understand, and is not very strong so the change to the sea will also be helpful to her. In fact after the weary watching night & day we are all ready for a little rest. One interesting circumstance in this time of trouble is that in the heathen temple opposite us and in one other of the leading temples (Sellers) the heathen offered prayers to the Swami for our child. We had treated members of the families of priests of these temples and this may be sufficient explanation but

it is a unique experience, I think, and shows that whatever their attitude to the truth we bring at least to us it is friendly. It may be that they will ascribe his recovery to their God's intervention. This would be but natural if they have any faith whatever in their Gods.

I shall seek to give you quarterly letters about our work and if you give them to Miss Leitch we will not need to write duplicate letters to them.

I was made application to Gov. not in aid to our work but this. I have heard that it was recommended by the government of the province, I have no reply yet from the Gov. to the request.

Yours Sincerely, Thos. B. Scott

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COPY OF A LETTER FROM REV. T. B. SCOTT, M.D.

Manepy, Jaffna, Ceylon, Feb. 2, 1898.

Dear Miss Leitch:--

You have probably heard that our little boy, Arthur, has been very seriously ill. All praise to God, he is now fairly recovering.

He took ill with what appeared a simple sore throat on or about the 29th of December. For a few days it did not become very alarming, but on New Year's day he began to grow worse. We found the throat sore on examination, but nothing to suggest that it was more than a mere tonsilitis. On Wednesday, the 5th, he was beginning to show signs that the inflammation was reaching the larynx. On the 6th we discovered, for the first time, diphtheritic patches in the pharynx. On the 7th he very rapidly grew worse, and we spent a very anxious night in watching. The next day, the 8th, it became apparent that he was in a grave condition. The danger of suffocation from inflammation of the larynx was imminent. At noon we thought he could not live the day out, so Dr. Curr and I agreed that to save his life it would be necessary to perform the operation for opening the trachea (tracheotomy).

While I watched with the mother by the bed, Dr. Curr and nurse Eliza selected and prepared the instruments, while Vaythenayagam directed the orderlies and prepared tables, basins, water, etc. Mrs. Scott, while consenting to the operation, was convinced that it was a vain attempt, and before she would allow me to remove him to the operation table she kissed him good-bye, thinking not to see him live through it. After we had given chloroform to produce Anaesthesia, with Dr. Curr's most valuable assistance, I performed the operation.

Every eye in the room--nurses, assistants, orderlies, as well as doctors--was streaming with tears, while on the verandah Mr. Fitch and others had gathered and were engaged in earnest, silent prayer. In half an hour afterwards he was put back into his mother's arms breathing easily, and soon he fell into a quiet sleep.

The relief from the distressing dyspnoea was marvelous. However, so long as the tracheotomy tube remained it required constant attention and frequent cleansing. Night and day for a week afterwards we watched. Dr. Curr gave up her whole time, and we divided the hours of the night for watching. Eliza, and Rebecca, who was with us owing to vacation in Oodooville School, gave us invaluable help in every part of the work, the dressings of the wound, and the watching. The orderlies took turns in staying night and day at the door to be ready to run messages, and Vaythanayagam came and slept in the Dispensary to be ready to prepare medicine immediately when wanted.

Mrs. Scott, not being strong, seemed about to break down entirely with the watching and anxiety of the earlier days, so Mrs. Hastings kindly came over from Udupitty and stayed ten days with us, taking charge of all household matters and preparing food for Arthur as soon as he began to eat. On the seventh day after the operation we were able to remove the tube permanently, having tried on the fourth, fifth and sixth days only to witness distressing dyspnoea still.

After the removal of the tube he began to articulate again, to the great joy of all. Of course, while the tube was in, all power of speech was removed, and we were obliged to watch very closely, and gather from the motions of the lips what he wanted. It was most pitiful at times, when in vain we tried to understand what he wanted. During the whole of his three weeks' severe illness his constant cry was, "Sing to me." I do not suppose that the sound of singing was absent an hour during that whole time except while he was asleep. Two hymns he wanted, and no other; and these were repeated hour after hour. "Nothing but the blood of Jesus" was chief favorite, and "Joy bells ringing" was a good second. It was no easy matter to sing "Joy bells ringing" while he lay, as it seemed, at the point of death. While he was at the worst we sang through our tears, being forced, as it were, to rejoice in tribulation. One day while his mother was singing, her voice choked so that it seemed impossible to sing. He reached up his little hand to stroke her face, saying, "Sing nicely, mother."

God gave us help. Our Manepy native Christians prayed almost constantly. All the churches made his illness a special matter of prayer on Sunday, the 8th of January. We feel that it is in answer to these prayers that we have our dear boy with us yet.

We are told that even in the heathen temple at Manepy, and also at Nellore, the priests offered prayer to "Swami". This shows that, whatever their attitude to Christianity, their antipathy does not extend to the Medical Missionary. From both of these families of priests we have had patients. The kindness and sympathy from all, European and native alike, has made me feel even more deeply attached to Jaffna and Jaffna people.

On the 24th we came over to the seaside where the sea air is delightful. Dr. Curr is with us. Arthur is steadily improving and is now able to run about alone again. Dr. Curr has been extremely kind and sympathetic in her helpfulness. She could not have done more for a brother. We are very grateful, you may be sure. In fact, had she not been on hand to render efficient aid, it is doubtful if we could have saved his life. He has become much attached to her, and her name is always mentioned along with father's and mother's. If she is not mentioned he invariably says, "and aunty."

I hope in a few days to be able to give you a statement of the work of 1897. It is considerably larger than 1896, and noticeably so in the number of Hospital patients. The number of female patients is larger than the male patients this year. Hitherto it has been the reverse. This is largely due to the fact that, while we were at Kodai, Dr. Curr attended the Dispensary and Hospital and treated female patients. I do not think you may feel that she has neglected her Tamil for medical work. She says emphatically, "No, I cannot study every minute." Between times she has seen and assisted in the medical work. It has been of great assistance to us, for Mrs. Scott is not very strong in these days, and I quite believe Dr. Curr has gained very much information that will be of great value to her in her future work.

Hoping that you may be successful in your work of collecting funds for the American Board, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

THOS. B. SCOTT.

EXTRACTS FROM JOURNAL AND LETTERS RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM
DR. ISABELLA H. CURR.

Udupitty, Jaffna, Ceylon, Sunday, Oct. 31st.

"The Lord loveth the gates of Zion." I took my Bible class at nine A.M. Eight boys were present. We had an interesting lesson on Paul's shipwreck. May these lads be drawn to Christ, to give themselves to Him. Two or three of them are Christians. Chinnatumby seems a nice lad. Some time ago he brought several boys to the class. He comes regularly and tries to answer, and has such a bright, open face. Lord, make him Thy disciple. Lord, use me in leading these lads to Thyself.

I took the Dispensary meeting at 3:30 P.M. About thirty were present. After the meeting I went to one of the wards to speak with a patient who was too ill to come to the meeting—a case of blood-poisoning. I had spoken with her several times before while treating her. The Lord is answering prayer and blessing the means used for her restoration. May He also bless her with His salvation. She listens eagerly, and says she will now trust Jesus as her Saviour.

November 7th.

I have had several good talks with the patient of whom I wrote before, and she and her mother both profess to accept the Lord Jesus Christ. They have always been ready to listen. May God seal them with His Spirit, and write their names in the Lamb's Book of Life. When this patient was brought in, I asked especially for the restoration of both body and soul, and the Lord has graciously answered, I believe. To His Name be the glory.

December 6, 1897.

My Dear Miss Leitch:

I am glad to write you that I have passed my first Tamil examination on the 24th of November, after ten months of Tamil study. The examiners were Rev. Mr. Hastings, Rev. Mr. Smith and a Tamil teacher from the Tillipally Training School. They were very pleased with my reading and pronunciation.

I had reading and translation from Mark's Gospel; translation in writing, from English into Tamil; sentences from Pope's Tamil Grammar; dictation from the second Tamil reader; recitation of the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the first Psalm, the twenty-third Psalm and the Apostles' Creed, all in Tamil; besides conversation with a patient, and also with the missionaries.

I am thankful to God for help in the study of the language and take courage for the future.

I went with Mrs. Hastings to-day to a village meeting at Atchuvaly, when she spoke to the women and I read some verses in Tamil. There were a dozen heathen women and forty children present. One woman who was present was one of my former patients at Manepy, having come all the way from there, 13 or 14 miles. She greeted me with such a beaming face, bringing her two children for me to see, and bidding them say salaam to me. She listened most intently all the time, and followed us to the carriage through the long, narrow lane. Mrs. Hastings is hoping that, by and by, we may be able to start a branch Dispensary of the Women's Medical Mission in Atchuvaly.

I received, a little time ago, a parcel sent from the ladies of the Broadway Tabernacle, New York, containing 46 pillow slips and some cut and basted patchwork. Will you kindly thank the donors for me? These articles will be most useful for the Hospital. I have given the patchwork as sewing for the children in the Chavakachceri Girls' Schools. After the pieces are sewn together they can be used as covers for the Woman's Medical Mission Hospital beds. Such a gift is most acceptable for the work here.

I distributed the prizes to the children in the Chavakachcheri and Nunavil Sunday Schools on New Year's Day. Mr. Chinnatamby had procured Gospels, Hymn-books, etc., as prizes for the children, using the money which was forwarded by you for this object. I enjoyed the day very much, and had the privilege of saying a few words to both schools.

The children were delighted with their prizes. Perhaps, sometime, you may have an opportunity to thank the boys and girls who sent the money to purchase those gifts for their brothers and sisters in Ceylon.

I told the children that when I wrote to you, I would inform you how well they had behaved, and also how nicely some of them recited and sang. The native pastor told me that this station was formerly under your special care, and that now the Christians of the station looked upon me as your substitute, and they hoped that a branch Dispensary of the Woman's Medical Mission may be opened there in due time.

Care of C. E. SWETT, Esq., 1 Somerset St., Boston, Mass.

March 31st, 1898.

Dear Friend:

You will see by the above letters from your medical missionaries in Ceylon that God is blessing their work, and that the sacrifices which you have made in their behalf have not been made in vain. It has been from the first a most delightful co-operation, and the work which God is enabling them to do is your work as well as theirs. The next quarterly remittance to Ceylon must soon be sent by the treasurer. Some of those who in years past contributed to this work have been called higher.

We are hoping that others will be found who will take their places in helping to sustain this work. If you could interest a few friends in it, and secure from them annual subscriptions or donations, even though small, we would feel deeply grateful.

Yours in Christian service,

Mary Morgan McLeish

Rev. T. B. Scott, M. D.
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Manepay, Jaffna
Feb. 22nd 98

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Dear Dr Barton.

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Mr Hastings has written you of our loss. The dear Lord has taken our only child into the presence of the King. I told you that he had suffered from diphtheria but that we hoped he was on the way to recovery after a surgical operation manifestly blessed of God. Paralysis followed however five weeks later and we lend him to rest with others of the missionaries who have laid down their lives in Jaffna. Our Saviour has spoken "my peace I give unto you" and our hearts are comforted by the words He has spoken to us.

Copy of letter from Rev. T. B. Scott M.D. of Ceylon, Jaffna, Feb. 2, '98

St

Mrs Scott is not very strong just now and we fear lest this strain may prove in some way injurious to the especial little one. As many of our friends will be anxious for us on this account we may cable. If we do please notice that our Home addresses are.

Mrs J. Scott Begbie Block ~~New Westmin~~
New Westminster British Columbia
Canada

Rev D. Macallum -
320 Earl St ~~Kingston~~ Ont.
Canada

Mrs R Wallace,
"Marchmont Home" Belleville Ont
Canada

My father joined the Heavenly hosts last July, after a life spent in loving fellowship with the Father. He was like the ripe sheaf while my little one was as a lovely flower, both

taken into the Mission House, above.

You ask what I know of Mr Putnam. - I cannot get very definite information but so far as I can learn he is staying with a married sister doing nothing. I hear some talk of an offer by a Danish Mission to him to come with Mr Putnam, and open medical work. I do not know how much truth there is in the rumor. I am of opinion that the responsibility for repayment will not lie very heavily on him, and if she does not come back he will not try to discharge it. If she comes, (which I shall expect) she will have to lift the debt. I think some one of the relations dropped the remark that with her profession

it will not be difficult for him to get along, which means that she will be expected to support him very largely. —

The fact that he remains idle impresses me unfavorably, while I hear rumors that she is soon coming out again. —

Yours Sincerely

Thos B. Scott

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Manepay. Jaffna. Ceylon.
Oct 20th 1898

Dear Dr Barton.

I enclose my letter to the Misses Leitch for your perusal and forwarding.

Rev R Hastings has written you of our Annual Meeting at Oodoville. It was, I feel sure, a means of blessing to many of our people. The experiment of having two days instead of one as formerly was made with the purpose of giving our people an impulse towards a closer walk with God. The proceedings of the first day Mr Hastings have been reported to you by Mr Hastings. The second day, at 10.30 a.m. fully a thousand people came together. Mr Holton first gave a brief summary of the Board's work for the year. He was followed by a Christian proector who spoke of the work of the Native Evangelical Society. The third speaker was one of the professors of Jaffna College. Mr Saml Newman, who spoke on the opportunities for evangelization arising out of the Spanish American War in Cuba, Porto Rico, & the Philippines. Part of his address dealt with the native fruits of these islands by which he showed that it was not impracticable for Natives of Jaffna to live in them. Just how deeply he pressed this question on the people that they should have a part in the work thus

P.S. Since writing the foregoing, we have received this Mission will accord a warm assent to the proposal. Many wish welcome Dr Lewis - and for Oodoville. We are glad to see the prospect of over filling the vacancy created by Miss Nycio's departure —

opening up yet remains to be known. It was well received. But the great interest of this meeting centred on the address on Sabbath Observance by the pastor of Oodowilla Church. With fervid eloquence he showed the importance of keeping this day holy and separate from the questions of every day life. The irregularities in this this respect of many of the Christians he pointed out kindly but forcibly and I believe that not a few were led to resolve that they should be more strict in obeying this important command. The meeting was brought to a close in the first part by an address from our oldest pastor. Rev Stickney of Hampitty. With feeble and trembling voice he spoke of the work done and to be done and referred to a meeting held at Battiscotto many years ago before any congregation was organized where the three missionaries wept tears of deep sorrow that so little fruit appeared for their labors. "Could they but see this meeting today their sorrow would be turned in joy". It is not of little value to us who are new in this field to be reminded of the days of the beginning of this work when earnest toil seemed to bring so little promise of fruit. Compared with those days we live in gladsome times. At the communion which followed a larger number than usual partook of

the Lords Supper. The expenses of the meeting were not great and were almost met by the Collection taken up on the day of the final meeting. Taken altogether we think the effort might be repeated with much benefit to our churches another year.

In your recent letter to me you speak of the recent donation to Jaffna College. and mention Rev R Hastings as one in your mind who would suit nobly as Principal - I quite agree that Mr Hastings is admirably suited to the position. I have not taken the mind of the Directors but those to whom I have spoken have intimated that they also felt as I did. One and only one objection is before me. We cannot spare Mr Hastings from the Mission work He alone of those now in Jaffna can touch the people who have remained the fathers of the Mission There must be some one with whom the people will have entire sympathy to whom they may turn for counsel. Mr Hastings has the good-will of all which cannot be said for some others. The removal of Mr Hastings to the College not only leaves the Girls School uncared for but leaves us no one now on the field to act as counsellor to our churches Mr Hollon is too new to have got hold of the people yet. I am also a journeyman and besides can do

little of this kind of work that needs must be done with this medical work taking all my strength and time.

If you mean by "an experienced man" one of our Jaffna men now a member of this mission, Mr Hastings is the only suitable man. None other will fill this position. We wait with fear and trembling the decision of the Annual Meeting at Grand Rapids. We are not ready to be graduated. 'Tis cruel to force the fledgling to find its own way before its wings have grown. If it were only a question of forcing us to use our wings that have grown able to carry us it would be quite another thing. But such is not yet the case.

Dr Carr is fairly started in this work and is already finding it too heavy a burden to bear alone. We help her all we can but we cannot help her as she needs help. We are much disappointed that no associate is yet found for her.

Miss Myers leaves us for America this week as yet we have heard of none to come to take her place. It is imperative if this work at Oodooville is to be carried on, that another young lady come out at once to assist Miss Howland. Can we not expect one very soon? With our sincere prayers for this work of our Board. I remain

Yours faithfully J. B. Scott

Rev. J. B. Scott M.D.
Minneapolis
Oct 24, 1888

made strong for a time.

Just before the close of the first term of the School year. Mr Eddy of the Student Volunteer ~~Work~~ Association on his visit to Jaffna held a few meetings with the ~~school~~ pupils. Considerable interest was aroused among the Christian girls and some who were not decided, made a public confession of their faith in Christ. Coming just before a short vacation we trust that many of the girls would go to their homes ~~carrying~~ an earnest message to their friends. We hope for blessing to follow —

Rev. B. Scott
Jaffna
July 19 '99

I am sorry not to be able to write in detail of Uduppitty School, but I am assured that just as active Christian work is being done by the teachers, and the pupils are just as carefully prepared in all their studies —

Rev Rettasingh will doubtless write you of Mr Eddy's work in the Jaffna College.

With best wishes for the prosperity of the Board. I remain

Yours in His Service Thos. B. Scott

We had the annual Mission Examination of the Boarding Schools the past week. I was unable to be present at Umpithy School Examination, but was privileged to conduct that at Oodooville. The highest standard (VIII) were given a written examination on the first part of the book of Isaiah. (the VIII VI. & V standards an oral examination on the Acts, the Gospel of Luke, & the Gospel of Mark, respectively, & the English School department on the Gospel of John. All showed very commendable knowledge of the Scriptures. Some of the classes were examined in secular subjects and these also did well. The committee appointed by the Mission to examine the School, and others from the native pastorate, expressed themselves as very well pleased with the work that is being done by the school.

I cannot refrain from expressing my very great anxiety for help for Miss Howland. Even the physicians stand fir I see that Miss Howland is working beyon her strength. Can we not be assured the help is coming. In that hope we would be

We had previously made application and were refused as you will see in the report under the heading "Self Support." I am about to go to Colombo and I will make it my endeavour to see the officials of the Govt and press our claim for further consideration. The Govt. Agent of the Northern Province has expressed himself as ready to assist us by recommending a grant. I am hopeful but may be disappointed

The two hospitals at Manepay and Inuvil are being well patronized and for the six months of 99 the number in both together far exceeds ~~or past~~ the whole number for 1898. - This proves that there is need for such hospital treatment. Year by year more avail themselves of this help. Our evangelistic work is being earnestly pushed and I think the effect is to arouse more opposition on the part of wicked opposers of the Truth. At any rate we have never heard such absurd untrue stories about our work as are now being circulated - These give us little concern as we do not work for the praise and approbation of outsiders.

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Manepay Jaffna
Ceylon July 13. 1899

Dear Dr. Barton

Our hearts were cheered by the news of the appointment of Revd G.G. Brown as a reinforcement to the Ceylon Mission. We will now look forward with pleasure to his arrival. From your recent letter we learn that he is a son of a Congregational minister of Ont. Canada. This being so, it gives us added interest as Mrs Scott and I know members of that family tho. slightly. I shall write to Mr Brown with much pleasure, and we are prepared to offer him and his intended wife a most hearty welcome.

As our Jaffna Mission Report is being unavoidably delayed in the press, I send you a manuscript copy of the work of the General Medical Mission, hoping it will be of some interest to you. Will you show it to the Misses Kitchi- & Sir Andrew Gracey of New York.

In one of your former letters you speak of Miss Kilchi's proposal that we should get fwd aid for our work

staring us in the face if we do not soon have help for her. Do not by any means allow any delay in sending this lady assistant for Dodoville when the new family comes to Jaffna. Even Och seems a long way off in this present circumstances.

I would offer an apology for the rarity of my correspondence with you. but how can I excuse myself! I will not try.

Yours in the Master's Service
Thos. B. Scott

Rev. T. B. Scott,
Manepay,
May 1
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afraid that some very necessary repairs would only tide a short time over the real necessity of new Buildings. The question of Change of site was not voted upon nor officially discussed, but it was apparent that while some held to the old historic site a number looked for a new site more (a) centrally located, (b) in better surroundings from the standpoint of active professional Christian work in the College, and thirdly (c) (least of all) the supply of better water. Mr Hastings will write you of this more fully than I should do.

We are very anxiously awaiting the news of a the appointment of an assistant to Miss Howland. It is cruel to allow her to go on bearing the burden alone. It is impossible for her to continue it long. If help does not come soon, I fear very much for her.. No one single handed can continue the work she is now doing. She is uniquely fitted for the position she holds, but the danger of losing her valuable help is the fact

It is no light task for a man so long out of educational work to take up such a position, but this will not remain long a difficulty in this present instance.

We shall hope to see the new man here early in October. I believe the best time for him to leave home will be August. This will bring him here ~~early~~ in the early part of our cool season, a very favorable if not the most favorable season. We shall extend him and his wife a very hearty welcome to our circle. I cannot wish a greater thing than that he should be able to take a place with us enjoying the good will of each and adding his quota to maintain the present perfect harmony which exists in our circle. I can never be grateful enough for the help I have received from Rev R.O. Hastings ever since we came to the mission. His brotherliness has been my comfort in many a perplexity and his counsel very often has been my help in time of need.

The question of New Buildings came up at meeting of the Directors and all

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Manepay. Jaffna
May. 19. 1899

Dear Dr Barton

I cabled you two days ago "accepted" - on behalf of R.H. Hastings. and right glad I was to do so. I quite agree with the position taken by Dr Howland and others, in which you also are of the same mind, that the position required a man who knew the Tamils and had their entire confidence rather than a new man, tho. he might be highly re-commended. The Board of Directors were unanimous in asking R.H. Hastings to accept the principal-ship and he has accepted with the privilege of retiring with the consent of the Directorate, if a new man after some years experience should appear to be eminently well fitted for the position. and he (R.H.), as now, preferring the evangelistic work. He goes into the work earnestly and prayerfully, and I am convinced that much good will come to the College by the appointment.

copy: Letter from Dr. Scott, Ceylon

3-12-1892

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Manepai, Jaffna, Dec. 1898.

Dear Miss Leitch:-

I have just been perusing ~~this~~ the booklet, "Ceylon a key to India". I have not had time to read it carefully but I have been pleased with the illustrations given. There can not be the least doubt that such a booklet will be much more widely and much more intelligently read than it would have been without its pictorial presentation of the facts. The pictures of Ernuvil do not show to advantage in your book. I shall try to find time to assist Dr. Curr to get good photographs of each building. Mr. Lawton has taken the photographs from too great a distance. Now that the work has fairly and successfully begun we can easily get much better pictures which will illustrate this work much better.

I am ashamed of my neglect to give you proper reports of our work. (I can hardly ~~care~~ bear to speak of it). I have determined to have others do what I have failed to do. I have not been able to write from time to time as I wished, nay promised. For this in the coming year I am going to give each one of my helpers a book in which to write items of interest especially about the patients in the hospital or dispensary. I shall look these over month by month and have selections copied into a report for the friends at home. I am preparing for you a list with accounts of the patients of each bed in the hospital. Next year I propose to have this done quarterly. I must employ perhaps a person to do part of this work, so I may utilize Mr. Fitch for it as he has good ability for such work. Our work has increased by leaps and bounds since the new hospital building was completed. The week just ended brought us the highest record yet--fifty-two in-patients on the 9th inst--of these 38 were women and children and the rest men. Our

three nurses are kept very busy and Mr. Curtis has so much to do as Superintendent of the hospital that I fear he may be overworked. He is the same faithful, loyal, true-hearted, sympathetic worker he has been from the first. Year by year he becomes more helpful as he learns his work. I wish very much that he could be sent to Madras or Colombo to obtain a diploma. He is too valuable a medical man not to take his place on a level with other medical men of his day.(In Dr. Green's time the men did not get diplomas, but now that the Ceylon Medical College is turning out so many graduates, it will not be long before the men who have not diplomas will feel somewhat behind the others). Do you think it would be possible to get someone to help him toward that object? I would not advise his going to America but Madras or Colombo. With the apparently rapid growth of in-patients we will soon require some one who can be deputed to act for me to assist in the work. Dr. Mills has won universal respect but he is getting too old for very hard work. There is no one like Mr. Curtis who can fill the place. It is a question of the future which requires to be looked at now and really must before long. So also I would like to see Nurse Eliza trained as chief assistant to Mrs. Scott. She is a very, very valuable assistant now. Dr. Curr is working away at the limit of her strength. I think now, however, that she will get a little respite. We have secured for her assistant, Miss Keyt, daughter of Dr. Keyt of Kandy. She has but one subject to write upon to complete her work for this L.M.S. of Colombo. She was in need of a change and was willing to come to Jaffna at a smaller salary than we could otherwise have secured her for. She has a room and boards with Dr. Curr. Miss Keyt will be responsible for the compounding, with S.C.Lyman, son of Mr.

Lyman of Navaley as assistant compounder. He was trained under Dr. Mills and was with us for about six months as a volunteer. He proved very faithful, and I think he will ultimately prove a useful helper. He has a nice quiet disposition, will be very obedient and I think entirely trustworthy. Dr. Curr had twenty-seven in-patients on Friday-constant steady increase. Mr. Anderson at Karadive is doing very well. He has taken the people almost by storm. He is so kind and attentive to them that they love him. He has had more patients in 2 1/2 months than Mr. Dutton had the previous 8 1/2 months. The amount collected is almost also encouraging. We are all agreeably surprised. I had him in the Manepy work for a year and he learned a good deal. He seems quite the man for the people of Karadive. His Christian character too is of great value for he is a real help to that church at Karadive, as well as a true medical catechist in that dispensary. I found four in-patients in this hospital and he has been quite successful in caring for his patients thus far.

Messrs Santhiapillai and Chinnatamby are giving valuable assistance to Dr. Curr. Muttupillai, her nurse, is doing very well too, but she needs more help. We are getting another for her within a week. Thus far we have not found anyone to take the place that nurse Eliza has taken with us. Pastor Hunt's daughter is very good and matronly. Her being there is a great assistance to Dr. Curr. (We will be very busy now with this year's accounts for some time).

With our united love,

Yours sincerely,

Thos. B. Scott.

Translation of some songs sung at the opening of The McLeod Hospital for Woman and Children, Ernuvil, Jaffna, Ceylon.

1--A verse called Venpa--
Oh Thou the divine Son, who became man on earth by the power of the Father, who creates and preserves all things, we implore Thee to be in our midst on this occasion and to grant us Thy favour.

2-- A Lyric.
Chorus.
Will Thou Jesus come to us and grant us a blessing:
1. To the intent that this McLeod Hospital in the well known Province of Jaffna may ever be prosperous.--Cho.

2. That all might know it as clear as a fruit in hand, to be the best place for the cure of diseases which befall the woman kind.

3. That the people in all the four directions might value it well, seek its aid and be healed of their infirmities.--Cho.

4. Give abundantly thy blessing to those who found this Hospital for giving health to the body and light to the soul.--Cho.

3--Verse called Kaliturai--
Tho there are hospitals in this our land, there has never been one specially intended for women. To supply this need they do, by the gracious aid of God, open this day the Ernuvil Hospital for women.

4-- Verse called Venpa--
In obedience to the precept of the Bible, which enjoins a bond of love to our neighbours, those excellent ladies have purposed to help the helpless poor of this Province.

5-- Lyric.
Chorus.
An excellent woman, a loving missionary, a good physician and of kind disposition towards the poor.
1. A heroic woman, loving Jaffna, wishing to heal mental and moral diseases of woman, student of the Bible and of the Medical Science, has come to us for our help. What more can we need?-- Cho.

2. Her honored name on earth is Miss Curr, titled M. D. She is a fire to the diseases of women. She has left her loved country for our sake.--Cho.
3. The many good things which the Misses Leitch have done for us are hard things to be done. We can neither plan nor execute them. May God prolong their lives:

4. May the blessing of God, the Father, Son and Spirit richly rest on the McLeod who gave to establish this hospital, the opening of which we celebrate to-day.

4-- Verse called Veruttam--

A pond without the lotus lily; the sky without the full moon; a teacher without disciple; a home without children and a king without an army, these are things incomplete; such is this occasion without the presence of the Misses Leitch.

7.-- Verse called Valy Veruttam, i.e., each line ending with the word Valy--

We invoke a blessing:
On the well known Island of Jaffna,
On the benevolent hospital at Erruvil,
On the American Mission which controls it,
On the American Board, whose field is the world,
On the churches and pastors who are in this land,
On our Most Gracious Sovereign Queen Victoria,
May the feet of our Lord Jesus be ever praised.

Composed by Mr. Kanagaspai and sung by
Catechist Hitchcock and others.

Copy. Letter from Dr. Lewis, Ceylon

Irnuvil, Nov. 5th, 1898.

My Dear Misses Leitch:-

I am sorry I have been so long in writing you; it is not because I have forgotten you and all your kindness, but really I felt there was so much to write about and so little time, and so many things just come and prevent me beginning, but enough of apology now. I will try and write oftener hereafter. I sent you the Morning Star about the opening which I also sent to several friends and helpers in Britain. I don't think I need add anything to such a full description. We were all very sorry you could not be with us and now I am sorry you are not with me to enjoy such a lovely house and so many of your things which look so nice after Santhia got them polished. Several things had to be repaired and some were spoiled, but there is ample furniture for this big house, and some are in use in the hospital, nurse's rooms and dispensary. There was a very great deal to arrange at first and even yet there are things to be arranged in this large building. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Hastings both helped me to set the house in order and the latter very kindly stayed the first three nights with me in this my new house. The opening came off very nicely although it rained in the morning, which spoiled the pandal and made us use the medical ward for the meeting. Quite a large number came, the ward being crowded and the Verandah all round. We expected to have Mr. and Mrs. Nevers to open the hospital but they had not returned from the jungle, and Sir William Tynham had gone to England, so the Mission decided to ask Mr. Trimmer to preside and Miss Howland to open.

Up to this time 120 new patients have come to the Dispensary, and already the number on the hospital list is 27. I think I told you the two nurses were Muttapillai and Mrs. McLellan. The latter I think will do better as matron by and by but she can also learn some nursing. Both of these are still young in nursing and need much training. The Mission is corresponding now with a lady, formerly a student in Colombo Medical College, and who has not taken her final yet, and would like such a position for change and to keep up her study before taking it. She is Miss Keyts, daughter of Colonial Surgeon formerly of Jaffna. I believe and I hope that she may be appointed for a time if an agreement is made. I do trust that this hospital may bring much blessing to Irnuvil itself. By-the-bye, Mrs. Chilliah-Pillai(widow from Oodoovil) kindly consented to come and have meetings with the patients, almost daily. She is so earnest, I am so glad she is coming and talking to them, and many are interested to hear, and I believe a few have been blessed. She comes without salary but we pay the coolies for drawing her carriage daily. She has been much used of God in Oodooville, I believe. I began the children's meeting on Sunday afternoons in the school here. 5 came the first Sunday and they have gradually increased up to 50. A few adults also come and listen eagerly. One old man came the other day and asked if we would hold a meeting some day in his house, which we hope to arrange for. Thanks for all your kind hints and advice. It is very hard to keep things and even the patients themselves clean but I am trying as much as possible to make them attend to sanitation and we have had very good results with patients in hospital. As a rule the most of them get well very quickly. A large number of children have been brought already, some very ill indeed. I am glad

they are bringing the children as so many used to be taken to Tamil doctors, who killed the children many times rather than cured them. When I was at Manepy I was grieved to see several who had their eyes ruined by native physicians interfering and putting medecines into the eyes "to recover consciousness" they would say or for some other reason. Although Monday, Wednesday and Friday are the Dispensary days printed on the tickets, several come other days of the week, whom I also see unless I am out to a village case. I have still to study Tamil but I find it very difficult to get time for that. I am glad I got over so much before coming here.

Hoping to hear from you soon, with much love to you both,

Yours affectionately,

Isabel H. Curr.

Copy of a letter from Dr. Isabel H. Curr.

Irnuvil, Jaffna, Ceylon. Nov. 25,1898.

My Dear Miss Leitch:-

I must write you a few lines again, as you will be wondering how things are going on here. I am longing to hear from you soon again.

I have been quite busy. We have now 20 patients in hospital, five of whom are midwifery cases. I had 16 Dispensary patients to-day, and as yet having only a few helpers, we have plenty to do. I hope Miss Keyt will be here soon, probably early next month. The mission agreed to give her sixty rupees($20) a month. Then she will do compounding and dispensary with assistant male dispenser, assist me at operations, etc, etc. Mr. Lyman, a nice quiet Christian man from Navaly, is assisting at dispensary now, and he will probably stay on and assist Miss Keyt.

Mr. Chinnatamby brought up his wife and child and furniture from Chavagacherry on Monday, and they are staying in the gate keeper's lodge in the meantime, although he thinks it rather small. I am glad he is staying on the premises now. It is much more convenient.

I have received the invoice of the medical instruments from England, and hope to get them brought here to-morrow or next week. I have been trying the little electric battery belonging to the Woman's Medical Mission, and think it will work well. It has been used on a patient twice now, and appears to work pretty well, so you need not trouble to look after another one. The other larger one does not work well. I may get it put right if necessary, but just now I am satisfied with the little one. . I asked you about some other instruments in a

former letter. I should very much like a case of eye instruments as I have not ordered any, and also a laryngoscope. If you think best I can order these also from England. I can borrow them from Manepy in the meantime.

On Sunday afternoons the children from the village come to the Preaching Bungalow for their meeting, and some adults also come. Last Sundsy 40 children came besides over 20 men also a few of the patients and some of their friends. Pastor Erliatamby, his daughter and Mrs. Chillishpillai, and a few other Oodooville Christians came, the Pastor addressing, and afterwards going to the wards and speaking to the patients individually. Mrs. Chilliahpillai(and Louisa Erliatamby sometimes with her) is doing a good work among the patients. She has also helped a little at a few operations I have had. She is a very acceptable worker, so earnest and ladylike. The patients listen very well, and a few are interested in Christ and I hope may be true believers yet. May God establish the work: One patient only 17 years of age came, about a fortnight ago, from Valvettyturai(about 17 miles off) very ill and suffering much. If help had not been given soon she could not have lived. It was a rather hard instrument case but we have the joy of seeing her walk now and she will soon be going home, having made a good recovery. I find the people still like to cook their own food, but this method brings the friends also under the reach of the gospel story. I have a cook woman of good caste who cooks the nurse's food, and also if any patient wishes us to cook for her, she does it, but as yet very few like this.

I forget if I told you I was called to Pt. Pedro to see Mrs. Westareck's little boy, who was very sick with Dysentry. A native doctor had been attending him, and although the child was still bad

with the trouble, he told him to put on his shoes and walk about,— the very worst thing to do, as rest is the chief thing. Of course his mother knew better than to allow him, but it shows the stupidity of some of the native doctors. I went to see him a second time, and found him much better, and now he is almost quite well again, I am glad to say.

God has been very good to me in giving success to the cases. May He ever continue to bless. Pray for me here. Thanks so much for remembering me in past times.

With love to you both,

Yours affectionately,

Isabel H. Curr.

Copy. Letter from Dr Coare, Ceylon.

Irnuvil, Dec. 13th, 1898.

My Dear Miss Leitch:-

I am longing to hear from you again. You will be glad to hear that Miss Keyt has come to assist me. Mr. Lyman is staying on to assist at Dispensary, so I feel a little more relieved now. We have been quite busy now 25 or 26 patients are in hospital, and last Monday we had 27 dispensary patients. During this season there is much fever and sickness and the natives are availing themselves of English treatment more than they used to do. Now and again I have cases in the villages outside; the other day I had to go all the way to Karadive(which I could not have done had not Miss Keyt been here) to a case which required instruments for delivery. The people there were very kind and gave us as much milk and coffee as we could drink. Muttapillai was with me--she is a very nice girl and is such a help to me. The other day coming home together from a case she told how much she liked the work and she thanked God for calling her to be a nurse, although her friends do not like her to be doing this kin d of work they say. I also thank God He sent her here, and pray that He may make her still more and more a blessing. Mrs. Chilliahpillai is also doing fine work among the patients and friends. One woman who had operation a week or two ago, although living only about a mile from Vellou-had never heard of Jesus, but during her stay here--not only heard, but truly accepted Him as her Saviour and has gone home praising Him and declaring she will now go to the Christian church instead of Tamil temple. Her sister who was with her and who can read is also interested and has begun to read about Jesus. We trust that the husband also whp heard something of salvation from sin when coming

to visit his wife in hospital may not lack the great blessing. We are having good meetings on Sundays. Pastor Eliatamby comes and speaks sometimes. Several men from the village come. We had about fifty adults and 30 children present. A few other Christians from Oodoovil help! The other day Pastor Sanders was telling me how much they needed a dispensary at Atchimvelly, as many were dying at this season, and the people are hoping that a dispensary may be opened there soon--Don't you think it will be nice to have dispensaries at both Chavagacherry and Atchimvelly bye and bye? Dear Miss Leitch, we really will have to get more kitchens built for the patients as they say they have these conveniences at Manepy in having separate kitchens which are not here, and we want to have everything as convenient as possible for the patients. As yet the hospital is far from being like the home hospital, as I would need funds to purchase sheets, mats, and clothes for the patients so as to give each a change of clothes on entrance, and many more things are needed which I hope will be added bye and bye. The pillow slips that were sent last year are so useful. I would be glad if friends at home will send either cardigan or sheets or remnants of cotton or print. I will have to help this girl's school here in supplying materials for sewing, so will be glad to get remnants of print, etc, also thread, needles, etc, and any toys as prizes for children. Excuse me writing you about these as you are so busy, but if you have an offer of any of these I will be glad to get some if you can. I have Sister Faith staying with me as she was not very well after coming out to Ceylon. She is a deaconess of Wesleyan Mission and is to take up work at Putton with the other lady of whom I wrote you as coming out a few times to help her here. Sister Faith is much better so your intended plan of building a large dairy house is having effect. Missionaries will be benefited by it. Mrs. Restavick has been here a week(just left to-day)staying with her two boys, one of whom had been very ill--now very much better, and all of them feel better for the change here. Must close now to go to bed as it is 10 P. M.

With much love to both,

Yours affectionately,

M. H. Curr.

Mrs. M. E. Macallum Scott

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Kodaikanal, So India.
Feb. 5. 1894

Dear Dr Clark.

I want to write to you about a friend of mine, who wrote me, that she wanted to be a medical missionary. Her name is Emma Antonius and she lives at 108 Newell St, Greenpoint, Brooklyn N.Y. where she is in private practise. She graduated from the college in New York with me. She was not a Christian when I first knew her. Her parents are German, and tho her father was once a church member he is now bitterly opposed to Christianity, as is also her mother. When we first talked about it, she told me she thought the bible a very silly book, and would have nothing to do with it — but finally she was persuaded to begin reading the Gospel of Mark and to

read it thoughtfully and carefully and to tell me when she came to any thing silly - Before many weeks had gone by, God had made himself known to her simply through the reading of his word. and she came out wonderfully into the light. She has met ~~without~~ with nothing but discouragement from her parents - but she has kept bravely on, and is doing faithful work, and her simple childlike faith in God is very beautiful. She is quite young only 22 or 23 I think - She is a good student and has a good knowledge of medicine I wish you could see her and have a talk with her, and find if possible what to advise her - She wrote me asking to come out here with me - but I know there are many places where she is more needed - Then again I do not know that she has had any training in bible work. In fact I know she

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dvise her about that. She is not
ich - tho' I think she is begining
get some patients and I believe
time will do well -

I know you will do what is
best about it - In the mean time
will you please have the Herald of
Life and Light sent to her for a year, and
are them charged to me -

I am writing Dr Niles of Canton
bout her, too. She was very anxious
ome time ago, to find an assistant,
nd when I last heard she
ad none -

We are enjoying our stay here
ry much, and are making fair
ogress at Tamil -

With very pleasant memories of
you and your home.

Very sincerely
M. E. Macallum Scott.

M. E. M. Scott.

Feb. 5 '94.

Rev. Thos. S. Smith

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Jaffna March 20th 1890

Rev W. G. Clark D D.

Dear Dr Clark

I am indebted to you for two letters but as I have neither of them with me here at the seaside where I have come with my family for a few days of rest I cannot name the date of either. In the former you spoke of Mr. Howlands appointment to the College in a way that showed that you were labouring under a misapprehension of the actual facts. You wrote that you had been informed that Mr. Howland had been chosen by the College Directors contrary to the wish of the Mission and that I was much dissatisfied with the arrangement and you asked me to use my influence to restore good feeling in regard to the matter. I do not quote exactly but that is the gist of your letter

Now the fact is that the Mission voted unanimously approving of Mr Howlands being chosen to succeed Dr. Hastings before the matter was brought before the Board of Directors of the College.

I did feel hurt that Drs Hastings and the Howlands should have practically arranged for the resignation of Dr Hastings and the choice of

Mr. Howland as his successor by a sort of caucus so that the date of moving even was fixed between Mrs. Hastings and Mr Howland before asking me as Chairman of the Mission to call a special meeting and even then without informing me of the particular object of the meeting but that is comparatively a small matter. It is nearly inevitable that with two double families in so small a mission that there should be an almost unconscious tendency to regard the remaining single family as a sort of fifth wheel to the coach but I dont mean to mind that so long as the voter of the mission are such as on the whole I can approve and so long as I am not unjustly over ruled in the conduct of the work of my own station.

There can be no question as to the fitness of Mr. Howland to succeed Dr Hastings. It would have been well if Dr H could have held on a little longer but as it is evident that Dr H. needed to be relieved we were of one mind in putting Mr Howland in his place. Mr Howland came out with the expectation of being speedily called to this position when he first came out. He has

waited with admirable patience till Dr. Hastings wished to be relieved. He is the man of our movement fit for it on scholarly attainment and habits and the one desired for it by the community I believe. It remains to be seen whether he succeeds as well in managing the finances of the College. He is a bore disciplinarian and Mrs. H. is much inclined to meddle but I trust that any little friction attendant on the change of administration will soon subside and that the prosperity of the College will only be increased by the change.

Do not for one moment think that either Mr. Richard Hastings desired the position for himself. As for me I realize my own limitations and even were my fitness equal to Mr. Hewlett's and my appointment desired by the public as I believe his was I have a sincere and strong preference for higher education in the vernacular and I am so committed to the developement of the Training and Industrial School as practically a vernacular college that my place is unquestionably at Hillsdale rather than at Battiscitta.

I do feel however that the Training and Industrial school has a very strong claim to the special conditional grant of $300 asked for in our

estimates for 1880 but of which no notice whatever has been taken as yet. Will you not kindly refer to that letter and to my own letter sent at the same time giving reasons for the request and details of the way in which the money would be spent. It was only a request for the approval of such a grant as an extra appropriation the actual payment to depend on my success in securing special gifts to the Board for this special object.

The Training School gave up the buildings furniture and apparatus of the old Seminary to the College. It has never received adequate equipment this for more than 25 years it has abundantly proved its right to be.

With a grant of only $1000 from the board I have provided it with buildings costing 8000 rupees and worth 12,000 at least. The saving between cost & value being by the labor of the boys and with an Industrial outfit worth 3000 or 4000 rupees. I ask to be allowed to raise in America $500 for furniture, apparatus, a home for a teacher and a lot of ground for play garden & playground. The Mission approved of my request & embodied it in the annual estimates for 1890. This request has not been refused but it has not been approved. Will you not kindly refer to the correspondence & bring the matter before the Committee & secure their approval of this request without further delay. I feel that the claims of the school are very strong to this recognition and approval. At the close of the year nearly 40 of its 50 boarders were Christians & many came out in connection with the visit of the Wickards.

Hoping that I may even have the pleasure of thanking yourself & the Committee for granting this request I am faithfully yours

W. G. Wheeler

Rec'd Feb. 20, 1889

Castle Vale 2-5 Smith

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Kandy Ceylon Mar 31/90

Rev. N. G. Clark DD;

Dear Dr. Clark;

I left Jaffna with our third daughter, Hizzah Snell, on Tuesday the 17th of March to accompany her to Colombo & see her safely off with the Hastings for America in the S.S. Rewa and then take a run of three or four weeks to the hill region of Ceylon before returning to Jaffna. By doing this I hope to escape the ague of boils which has visited me in the hot months of March and April during each of the past two years quite disabling me from work for the time being, and making me weaker for the rest of the year. I need this building up more than ever now that I have to take over the whole of Mr. Hastings work at Udupitty as well as a part of Dr. Hastings work in the double station of Chavagachery and Varany and the Mission Depository and, now that Dr. Martin has gone the Medical Department as well. With five churches, 5 stations, 2 boarding schools and nearly 70 day schools besides 12 or

13 catechists, 2 colporteurs, and nearly 30
bible women under our direction and
care my wife and I feel that our hands
are more than full, the more so that
it seems necessary that the girls train
ing school at Udupitty should not be
deprived of the guardianship of a for-
eign missionary. So my wife has
moved over to Udupitty since I came
away and as I am certainly more
needed at Tillipally than at Udupitty it
seems necessary for us to keep up two es-
tablishments and spend much of our be
time apart from each other she at Udu
and I at T. till ~~you can~~ send out
us a missionary family or two ~~or~~ 4
ladies to take charge of Udupitty school 20
and station. I had hoped that Miss
Grace Fairbank, my wife's sister, who now
is teaching a kindergarten school at Ma
Springfield might be the right one to
come but the writer thinks the fate of
to be out of the question altogether.

Had it been three or four years later I should have hoped that our own daughter could come to our help.

I have written you fully about the transfer of the funds raised by the Misses Leitch for a Med. Mission to the Am. Bd. and you have received ere this the official action both of the Mission and of the Board of Directors of the College approving the proposal. I hope that there may be no hindrance on the part of the donors to this transfer of the funds to the Am. Bd. and that a really good young American doctor may be speedily found and dispatched to our help. Reduced as we are to 3 men one of whom is 74 yrs old and has served 43 or 46 years while the two others have been out 20 & 17 years respectively we certainly have a strong claim to immediate reinforcement. We are all very desirous of Mr. Hastings' return and he will I think be glad to come back provided the Misses L. do not meanwhile return and continue a disturbing element in our work. In case the interference or the chance of interference on their

paid continues I fear Mrs H. will not consent to return to Jaffna. & But for this same hindrance I think Mr. Wood would be willing to come out here bringing Miss Hastings as his wife. If we could have those two families back here we should be able to get along even tho meanwhile Father Howland should be wholly laid aside or called home to his rest & reward.

It is true that even one man for Jaffna is enough according to the rule of three comparing Jaffna with other fields: but allowance must be made for the fact that in Jaffna the whole population is accessible, friendly & "conportable" while in Madura and among the Marathis the really fruit ga territory & population is a small fraction the total area and population of those Mission fields. I will not argue the matter now but I am very sure that if you could visit our field and see things exactly as they are, you would feel with us that our mission must have to order ed missionaries or it fail for many years to come. The present revival of Hinduism make this ~~work so~~ more necessary than ever before.

2nd Sheet

Your very kind letter of Feb. 19th in regard to our daughter Mary reached Galena after I came away and has been forwarded to me. The news of Mary's breakdown reached us the night before I left and accented the parting with her third daughter with an unexpected sadness to the Mother.

It was a great relief to get your letter and learn that Dr. Pomeroy did not agree with Dr. Barker in her view of the case. I hope Dr. Pomeroy's more favorable view will not lead Mary to any neglect of the use of the best means to a full recovery. Dr. Barker wrote of the "narrowness of chest" and "one side bulging out more than the other" and a very much spine, all indicating a "very frail constitution"

I have written Mary that she must conscientiously adopt and faithfully follow such a course of physical culture as may be adapted to correct these physical weaknesses and defects. I had for many months been convinced that Mary was neglecting the proper care of her body and was attending too little to her regular lessons and too much to literary

extras such as the study of Browning and other similar matters that will be all right at the proper stage of her course but are now out of place because inevitably distracting from the regular work of freshman year. I trust this sharp discipline coming as an evident rebuke to her over confidence in her own powers of body and of mind will cure her of this tendency and prevent a repetition of the mistake. I have done what I could to warn Mary of this danger but there are some natures that find it very difficult to profit by the experience of others and I fear Mary is one that sort. I am very sorry that Mary delayed returning to Winchester after her interview with Dr. P. and with you. It would surely be better for her there ~~with~~ at Auburndale and she was receiving a kind welcome & tender loving care. I suspect that she feared that her going to Winchester might prevent our

third daughter though from having
a home there. My cousin Mrs. George
F. Arnold of James St. Cambridge, Mass
suggests that teaching a small and easy
country school with a good board-
ing place might be a very corrective
& helpful experience for Mary during
the rest of this school year, and
aid that she might be able to get her
such a place with a trusted friend
of her own in Peterborough I believe
and I have written to her that the
suggestion strikes me very favorably
Still at this distance we can do little
more than commit the whole matter
to the Lords own direction and try to
avoid hindering him by unwise med-
dling with details of which we may
have quite mistaken impressions from
so far away.

We are deeply grateful to you for your
kind and timely help in the matter
and we thank you with full hearts in
His Name for whose sake only could we

bear to be thus separated from our dear girls.

Now as to our daughter Sizzah whom we have just sent home with the Hastings. We are not quite sure where she had best have her home. I feel that it will be too much for my sister & step Mother to give her a home to three at once of our four girls but Mother has asked to have her come to her at first and stay until a decision can be wisely reached.

Mrs. Arnold agrees with me that she had better not go to Auburndale now in the present situation there.

From the time that we heard of the new home at Oberlin under the care of my wifes cousin Mrs. Mellen formerly of South Africa we felt that that might be the best place for our Sizzah. Accordingly we wrote to her making inquiries more than six months since but have received no reply whatever. We are un

again as we think the former letter must have miscarried in some way. We should be sorry to have her so far away from her sisters but we should feel sure that Mrs. Mellen would feel a special interest in her and would give her true motherly love and care. Then there would be special chances at O. for Hizzah to receive at comparatively small expense the thorough musical training which has long been the desire of her heart without neglecting of course the fundamental subjects of an ordinary education. Hizzah herself is pleased with the idea of going to O., tho she may feel differently after a few weeks with her sisters. Mrs. Arnold who feels a special interest in Hizzah as her namesake thinks this would be preferable to placing her at Auburndale. We must leave the final decision to those nearer the actual scene than we are. Our daughter Mary is eager to have ~~her~~ Hizzah placed at once in Mr. Moody's school to spend her

vacation at my sister & Mother's five miles away; and Mary's reluctance to return to Winchester now is I suppose owing in part to the feeling that if Sarah is to have a home there she must herself cease to make that her vacation home ~~from the~~ because my (step) mother would find it quite too much for her decreasing strength to have all three of the girls in her home through the long summer vacations. This wld be a great happy arrangement for the children but would be too hard I fear for both mother & sister.

Thank you for your kind expression as to Mary's talents and promise. She has always been a bright girl and if she can learn the lesson of self-control and obedience to the laws of health and of loyalty to the authority & the wisdom of her teachers and governors she will I trust make a useful woman. I cant fully understand the exact merits of the question of her suspension from the College for that is what it amounts to. If Dr. Barker is really competent to

her position there ought not to be such discrepancy between her diagnosis and that of Dr. Pomeroy. If on the other hand she is not allowed to go on, on account of having fallen behind in her studies I think her parents should have been frankly informed of the facts long ago. I have tried in vain to get a copy of the ~~College~~ Calendar or course of studies and have felt much in the dark in regard to ~~her~~ Mary ever since she went to Wellesley.

Thank you most heartily for arranging for ~~Mary~~ Pomeroy's fee. I shall try to send my sister $50.00 ~~for~~ any extra expense that may be needed in Mary's behalf during the summer. The appreciation of the rupee has reduced our stipend by ~~three~~ or four hundred rupees and the necessity we are now under of keeping up two establishments one at Ellipally and the other at Udupitty will make it still more difficult to save anything from the reduced stipend

or salary; but we must manage somehow to save every rupee that we can for the needs of our children at home.

Our second daughter is very happy at Northfield and the influence of that school will I trust do her great good. Excuse me please for this long reply to your very kind letter. I have never felt more deeply your fatherly love and care for all your missionaries and their "little ones." May you receive the promised reward from the Master himself, for we can never repay you.

Gratefully yours

Thos. Snell Smith

P.S.

Please excuse the failure to use official correspondence paper as I am far from home enjoying the hospitality of the Bowley of the Tamil Cooly Mission of the C. M. S. Mrs. H. was Mary Rendall of Madura as you will remember.

S.S.

T. S. Smith No 280

Unkadu April 19/90

Rev N. G. Clark D.D.

My wife has been very ill but is now recovering I hope. Dr Martin has had charge of her & has shown I think good judgment & tact and skill. It has been a great comfort to have a European missionary doctor. The trouble was also but very fortunate uterine hemorrhage. Thank God this steady drain was checked a week ago after 10 days effort - and now Mrs. S. can sit up a few minutes each day & she will very much ~~can but~~ and we hope by any means for the ~~return~~ future such to hold up as yet.

I was just getting off for a month

vacation in the Hills or Ceylon
when my wife suddenly broke
down. We have been detained here
by Mrs. S illness & the detention
has done our children great
delight in that it gave them
chance for sea bathing.

I have taken the entire care
of Mrs S with the help of our
Ayah &c.

Faithfully yours
Wm F Smith.

Tillipally May 3rd, 1890

Dear Dr. Clark,

This letter was not properly addressed you see at first & so has come back to me without getting out of the island.

So I send it on its way again with this note of explanation & with this additional news that we are safely back at Tillipally again. My wife is slowly improving sits up a little each day & is at times carried out to the table but is still very weak. I hope she may continue to improve & that we may be able to hold on till next January when we shall all need a change to Kodikanal for two or three months. It will then be ten years since our last visit to the Pulney Hills.

The weather is still very hot as the S.W. monsoon has not yet begun to blow steadily.

Yours in haste

Thos. Snell Smith.

Kodikanal Pulney Hills Aug. 1st 1890

Rev. N.G. Clark, D.D.

Dear Dr. Clark,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of two letters from you, the one announcing the grant of $500 as a contingent appropriation from the Board to the Training School, and the other of June 5th. written after hearing of the serious illness of my wife. Her difficulty was persistent uterine hemorrhage cause by some uterine difficulty the exact nature of which even Dr. Marston was in doubt about. For more than six weeks she could not sit up at all without bringing on a relapse. At length she suddenly began to improve and has been gaining steadily ever since. About the time that she became able to endure a journey we heard that her sister Mrs. Hume was coming to this place at once, and, as Dr. Fairbank was also here and would not be here next January and I was suffering from a siege of boils similar to those that so reduced my strength last year, and the Dr. insisted that we ought to go to the hills at once, we decided to come now instead of waiting till next year. While we were still hoping to defer coming till next year we consented to the renting of our Jaffna house at Kodikanal for four months from June 1st and so had to rent in its place one of the Madura Mission houses, Sunnyside

the very one in wh. Dr. Fairbank lived with his family for nearly a year in 1866 and in wh. his son Edward, now in Yale Seminary, was born. The steamer now running weekly between Negapatam and Colombo greatly facilitated our coming. It is a steamer built expressly for deck passages and has no cabins for saloon passengers. The deck however has double awnings and facilities for separation into apartments by canvas curtains, and mattrasses for the use of European passengers, while the officers are very courteous and helpful. The passage cost us 2 rupees for each adult and 1 rupee for each child under twelve so that the fares for the whole party including ayah and servants and charges for extra luggage was less than 25 rupees say $10.00 for a voyage of 90 miles. This was less than half of what we used to have to pay for the smallest and dirtiest of native dhonies or undecked vessels of less than 200 tons burthen. The voyage was accomplished in 5 hours, the railway journey in 10 hours, the 28 miles by buliock transit in 8 hours, and the 12 mile ascent of the ghaut itself in 6 hours or 36 hours of actual travel from Jaffna with about 24 hours of resting or waiting by the way. This is a great contrast, isnt it?, to the old-fashioned journey of a week or more with the inevitable exposure and strain of

so tedious a journey. Mrs. Smith endured the journey remarkably well & has been gaining steadily since beginning again to breath this mountain air. My boils too disappeared as by magic and our children are already as rosy and rugged as tho they had never been bleached by a tropical sun. Mrs. Hume's recovery has been even more rapid than that of my wife and she is already able to walk several miles at a time.

We find our dear Father Fairbank about as vigorous as ever and very busy with his new house which he says is to be a place of refuge and healing for all his children and grand children in this part of the world. He always has by him some paper work in the way of questions to be set or answers to be marked for the various written examinations of pupils or teachers or catechists of the Marathi Mission; so that, altho at a distance from his colleagues he can take a part of their work while accumulating reserves of vigor for the six months of active touring to which he returns with the advent of cooler weather in the Deccan. I have no doubt that he accomplishes more in those six months than he could in the whole year should he attempt to spend the whole year at a station at his age & with his inability to endure the hot season on the plains. It is a great pleasure to us to be here with him; and in helping him about his building &

his gardening I get just the out door exercise which is most healthful for me.

It is nine years since our last visit to this place, our trip to America having saved us the necessity of coming here in the interim. The place has developed greatly in these nine years & the expense of living here has somewhat increased. There are more than double the number or residences here now than there were in 1881 and the recent multiplication of houses has decreased somewhat the demand or the chance rather for renting the mission houses in these seasons of the year in which they are not required for the missionaries. Coming as we do out of the season we miss meeting the Madura missionaries but there are a few missionaries here from other missions and there are some very pleasant English people here at all times and then with such a family gathering as we have here now we are quite independent of other society. The climate too is even more cool and bracing now than in the season tho the greater amount of rain is not altogether an advantage. I am struck by the great changes that have taken place in the membership of the Madura Mission in these years Mr. Noyes & Dr. Chester and John C handler are the only ones who were here with us in 1877 while only the two latter of these three were here

in 1881 of all the male members of the Madura Mission who are now actually on the ground. Of course Father Chandler, Washburn, Gutterson, Tracey and Jones who were here in 1881 are still connected with the mission but their temporary absence adds to the apparent change in the personnel of the mission. Of the civilian residents and visitors who were here nine years ago not one is here now and with one exception, so far as I can learn, they have all either died or permanently retired from the service and are now enjoying their pensions in England. Amid all these changes it is very pleasant to find Father Noyes still at his post and to have Father Fairbank with us for the third time on these glorious hills over which he and I have enjoyed so many long tramps together in the years gone by.

I presume you have heard that Dr. Hastings is quite ill with what Dr. Marston calls catarrh of the stomach and bowels. He has long been quite feeble and I feel very apprehensive of the result of this illness. Then bro. R. C. Hastings ought to visit America with his family next year; he will then have been out 12 years I believe and he greatly needs the change. Father Howland is over 76 years old and tho he is holding his vigor much better than Dr. Hastings, he has, as you know, always been some-

thing of an invalid & cannot be relied upon for many more years of active service. I am very sorry to hear that Mr. Wood is less inclined to return to Jaffna than he seemed to be when he went away. His engagement to Miss Hastings makes him the right man to be our next new missionary and he with her would make a reinforcement far more valuable than a pair of wholly new and untried recruits. I do hope that Mr. Marsh's return will open the way for Mr. & Mrs Hitchcock to come out at once. They are greatly needed and would be very cordially welcomed by all classes in the community. If Mrs. Howlands' wages are paid by the Womans' Board i.e. if half of their salary is charged to that Board as I have always understood that ~~they~~ it was, why should not the other half be paid by the mission instead of being charged to the College. Surely the Board should pay half of his salary as long as he continues to have the sole charge of the largest of all our stations in territory & population both heathen and Christian. If the Prudential Com. insist that the College must support Mr. H. ought they not to send us another missionary to take charge of this the most extensive and important station of all our ~~mission~~ fields? The Board not only pays the salaries of the missionaries in charge of the colleges at Pasumalai and Ahmednagar and of their foreign assistants in part at least, tho their work is exclusively edu-

cational, but also makes considerable grants, ~~does it~~ toward the upkeep of those institutions, does it not? Why then should it insist that our College with its inadequate endowment should pay for the evangelistic labors of its principal in charge of a large missionary station field? It seems to us, that, since the College meets its own general expenses, pays its own native teachers, & two young foreign professors, all of whom, as well as many of the students, are active in evangelistic effort as opportunity offers, that the Board ought not to begrudge it the gratuitous services, as principal, of the missionary resident at Batticotta, whose evangelistic labors in the villages are well worth his whole salary, to say nothing of his evangelistic influence in the college itself. I do not write this officially for I am neither secretary of the Mission nor of the College Directors but I know my colleagues agree with me in these views, and it can do no harm for me to show you how the matter appears from our point of view. Just as I was beginning this page a telegram was brought in announcing the death of Dr. Hastings last evening, July 31st at 8 oclock. So you see that my apprehensions were all too well founded and that we have already lost one of the two veterans who has so long been a tower of strength to our mission. Dr H. has always been a most faithful &

successful missionary. He was a man of rare judgement & of great influence. These qualities reinforced by Mrs. Hastings's wonderful exeeutive ability made up just the combination needed for the difficult task of launching the new enterprise, of establishing a college and carrying it through the troubled waters of its first years of deficient endowments, doubtful income and disputed policy. Probably he ought to have laid down the burden two years earlier than he did; for it was the strain of his last two years in the college with its needless worrying over the course of the Misses Leitch that broke him down. It is very sad that in their well intended efforts for the college they should have wrought such harm to him. I presume that Mrs. H. and her daughter will soon return to America, tho they will perhaps prefer to stay and accompany Mr. Richard Hastings home next year.

I suppose I must not close without a word about the vexed question of the Medical Department. If the Dr. were an American, or even an Englishman who appreciated Americans and who would work cordially with us and become practically one of us, I think the objections to letting him occupy our principal house at Manippai would vanish at once but, unfortunately, in spite of all that we have done to conciliate them, the ~~position~~ attitude of the Marstons towards our mission from the first has been strongly unsympathetic if not actually hostile

How can we then give over our most important station to what under these people must become an entirely independent if not hostile mission. If he were content with merely medical work it would not be so bad; but med. mission work is his special hobby; if he were a Congregationalist or a Presbyterian, the case would be different; but he is a strong immersionist in his views; if she were a woman of different spirit or did not so completely rule the roost, our perplexity would be less; but he is wholly under her thumb and she is a woman of no judgement, bitter in her anti-American feeling and with no true missionary spirit, so far as we can see, but solely ambitious for her husbands professional and her own social position and success. Mr Howland will have informed you of the muddle in which affairs are at present & I need not repeat. I have suffered some reproach personally because I could not agree with my brethren in their position of hostility to every thing the Leitches proposed or attempted. I had met them in Edinborough and had met many of their influential backers and had seen with my own eyes the influ

they had acquired, or rather the work they were doing, and I realized too strongly what the consequqnces of attempting to repudiate them would inevitably be, to consent lightly to the course of open hostilities for which they were eager. I have always felt too that there were two sides to the question and that a more conciliatory course toward these sincere and earnest fellow laborers was no more than our due to them. I have however always been frank in telling them that I did not believe in an English Dr. for our mission and in rebuking them for being so determined to override the wishes of the mission in matters in which they had no right to control, and, in my last letter to them, I told them that if they would not desist from this attempt to force Dr. Marston into the Manippai house and to inflict two English female doctors, on salaries of 300 pounds each, upon us against our determined protest against their coming, I should no longer oppose my colleagues in any measures of active opposition that might seem necessary to thwart them in their determination to rule or ruin this mission. I still believe, however, that the best course of all would be for the Prud. of the Woman's Board to recall them to America as soon as they

Rev. Chas. H. Leavitt
Rec'd Sept. 26 1887

Tillipally Feb. 20th, 1891.

To Rev. N.G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr. Clark,

your favor of Jan. 16th reached me last night and I hasten to acknowledge it.

I am very glad that Mr. Leitch has secured $100 for the Training School from those two ladies in New York. It is a generous donation for it provides at once for nearly half of the least cost of the school to the Board of 500 rupees. I think however that those ladies ought to know that they are providing not for four but 25 boys if they also is taken for the current expense of the school. I think however that you must have forgotten the vote of $500 as a contingent grant for the requirement of the school. It is true that my personal solicitation did not secure this gift but Mr. Leitch has made it that consideration appropriate and I have little doubt he will find interesting people in the school and I am sure we will be quite delighted to give and to induce people to give. Some of the girls have been taken out of the school and be passed over to Mr. Leitch's school.

on that authorized $500 for the re-equipment of the scho

I would most earnestly and respectfully ask that this may be done. I have been delayed in making the actual appeal for that money by my absence in India and by the pressure of other work in our little printing office since my return so that the Story of the School" which I prepared for use in making the appeal is still printing. It will however soon be ready for distribution and I will send you with this advanced sheets of a part of it

Tho I have been delayed in collecting funds I have bee compelled to anticipate their collection by some expend diture, more than a year since the piece of adjacent land which has long been urgently wanted for a playground and vegetable garden as well as for a site in the most distant corner of a lairne came into the market and had to be secured for 200 rupees in order to keep it from passing into hands that would not have parted with it had I delayed buying till I had the money in hand and so I bought with the approving vote of the mission. This was temporarily charged to my personal acct. Then I ordered some of those [illegible] for the school as [illegible] and as funds have not come in which [illegible] that cost [illegible]

wall maps (Maury's) had to be procured as the old ones inherited some of them from the old Seminary were all in tatters to say nothing of being quite out of date and as the current acct of the school would not bear it I shouldered that item too in anticipation of the $500 yet to be secured tho already authorized. In this way 300 rupees of the $500 have already been discounted and tho I have no fear of not securing the sum in the course of time I can but feel that this $100 might fairly be counted as a providential prayer that God would stir up hearts in America to come to my help. If you feel unwilling to hand it all over would it not be fair to reserve for current expens only the $10 which is all that the four boys whom these ladies are supposed to be educating will really cost the Board for the year and pass the rest over as belonging more legitimately to this contingent appropriation already approved by the Prudential Committee.

I am most careful to keep within the 500 rupees of ordinary appropriation when it can possibly be done. Last year the extraordinary dearness of rice threatened a deficit and so I closed the acct of the school two w weeks in advance taking the cost of these two weeks into the acct for the new year for which it was already

that the govt grant in aid would be much larger than in the previous year and so prevented an overrunning of 125 rupees on the appropriation which would otherwise have been inevitable. It seems to me that the very fact that I take such care to keep within the appropriation when I possibly can and that I manage to support a school costing last year exclusively of the Ind. Dept. rs. 39 rs. 3985.60 cents, with the help of only 500 rupees from the Board fairly entitles me in behalf of the school to a generous and cheerful assent to my request that the whole of this $100 be passed over to the contingent grant of $500 and I confidently anticipate that this request will not be withheld.

I shall be glad of a letter by this mail that the four boys whom there is a prospect of my sending will be received over at cost the Board for the year and place the rest over as belonging more immediately to the contingent grant.

Yours in haste.

Ind. Dept.

Rec. 28 Aug. 1871

Tillipally Jaffna Feb. 23rd, 1891.

To Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr. Clark,

Herewith the promised notes to those ladies the givers of $5o each to the Tr. Sch. I trust that what I have written will meet with your approval. I have sent them copies of the printed matter wh. I am posting to you by this mail and a postal card informing them that I have at your request forwarded to you my letters to them. I hope to send you soon several complete copies of the little "Story of a School" which I have prepared for use in raising funds for the school. I am sure you will feel interested in this and will agree to my request that these gifts may be devoted to this contingent grant to the school as requested in my last letter to you. I have been wanting for many weeks to write again to you as I have sent you nothing since writing to you from Kodai Kanal. We returned to Tilli-pally with the beginning of October much benefitted by the trip in spite of the trying experience of an epidemic of measles from which all four of our children suffered, two of them very severely indeed and which of course made it very hard for my wife. We have been very well since our return tho my wife is not as strong as before

that long and trying illness. In one of your recent letters to Dr. ~~Hastings~~ Hewlett you refer to the statement in my letter to you that the course of the Misses L. had something to do with hastening Dr. Hastings breakdown & death and you speak of that as a very serious charge that ought not to be lightly made or in terms to that effect. I think I did not fail, in writing as I did, to say that of course I did not impute to the Ls any intent to produce such a result and I would remind you now that such an effect from their course would not necessarily prove that the Ls had done wrong in the premises. I only stated what seemed to have been the unfortunate effect of their course. It is of course possible that that effect has been exagerated or that the impression in regard to it is a mistaken one but there can be no question as to the reality and the sincerity of the impression on the part of those who ought to be the best judges in the matter, that worry in regard to the course of the Misses L. had much to do with hastening Dr. Hastings breakdown & death. I will only add a few words quoted from a letter from Mrs. Dr. Hastings to my wife to show that I was fully justified in the statement which I made to you. Mr Hitchcock will be a help in the College and a support to the principal & he will need support if those women keep on hounding

him & worrying him as they did my husband, the effects of which Mr. Howland did not realize as he will do no he is in that position. As I look over old correspondence and recall the past I am impressed with what Mr Hasting bore from them. I am sending the correspondence to Batticotta to be kept & as far as they are concerned I should like to burn my ships behind me when I leave Jaffna. I wish never to see or hear from them again, but should occasion require I shall protest against their doings which I believe to be willfully wrong; and no amount of preaching or praying or giving can change the wrongs of the past into right.' Now I would not for one moment jus tify Mrs. Hastings in these feelings but I am sure you will feel that they more than justify my statement that it was felt out here that the course of the Misses L did affect Dr. Hastings very seriously. You will doubtless have ample opportunity to satisfy yourself as to Mrs. Hastings sentiments. They are not unnatural but none the less unfortunate. As you must have seen from previous letters ~~that~~ I have never sympathized with the extreme position of my colleagues in this matter and I have suffered much reproach because I would not join them in some of the extreme measures urged by them in our mission meetings. At the same time, as I have more than once

assured you I have not approved of all that these ladies have done. I have felt that there were two sides to the question and have tried to mediate between the extremes and prevent a hopeless rupture between the two, and the recent action of the Misses Leitch in proposing the transfer of the Med. Dept. to the Am. Bd and your action in conditionally accepting that proposal have fully justified my position and have been very grateful to me. I am doing all that I can now to keep Dr. Marston from hurrying away before the end of this year and I hope that he will stay. I had written him repeatedly about the matter and talked with them both again and again before the recent letters of the Misses L. written in reply as it were to his letters to you had been received but I think that it is their letters that have been the effective instrument in persuading him that it was for his own interest as well as his duty to stay. He is not wholly to balame for his feeling or his course. When you have met Mrs. Hastings and realize how she feeld & remember that Mrs. Howland holds much the same position little as they sympathize with eachother in most matters you will I think be able to understand how natural it has been for the Marstons to grow more and more unfriendly and even hostile to those ladies who have really

been most generous to him. There is one other matter about which I feel bound to write a word or two of explanation. After your letter to Dr. Howland reproaching him with unfairness to the Misses L came he sent round the rough draft of a very severe reply to which I objected as an offical utterance of the mission. I have heard no more of it as a mission letter but I have understood on good authority that substantially the same letter was sent signed by all the other members of the mission as a collective expression of their individual opinion. I simply wish to inform you in case such a letter was sent that I was not given the opportunity even to decline to sign it and that it was doubtless the intention of the signers that I should not even know that such a letter had been sent. I happenned inadvertantly to hear one member of the Mission ask Dr.H. if the letter had been sent and him reply that it had. I simply wish to have you know that I never saw the letter after it had been prepared for signature. I have no quarrel about the matter with any one . I have simply tried to do right from first to last and as matters seem to be coming out I can well afford to let my record stand in comparison with that of my colleagues with whom I have been very

sorry to have to differ at all. Dr. Marston is a good doctor & I hope a good man but I fear he will never cordially adapt himself to the situation or see his opportunities for a useful career here as we see them; so that the sooner after this year ends his place can be taken by a well qualified American the better. Want of adaptability to an unexpected environment is a glaring fault in any missionary and it is a fault more likely to appear in a "Britisher" than in a Yankee I believe. Personally our relations with the Marstons have been most pleasant and my wife & I both both feel much indebted to him professionally and shall be very sorry to lose his professional care and if he would only accept the situation we should be glad to welcome him as a member of our mission in good and regular standing as Dr. Green's successor but I fear that is more than we can hope for as matters now stand. One word in regard of the reply of the Board of Directors to your proposal that the funds be transferred to the Am. Bd. Mr. R.C. Hastings and I did our best to get the directors to vote an unqualified assent to your proposal, but Pastor Hunt and some others of the Native members were so eager to retain an ultimate interest in favor of the College that Dr. Howland proposed the suggestion with which the resolution closes that

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perhaps it would be helpful to securing the consent of the donors to the proposed transfer if it were understood that the funds would be held in trust by the Board for the medical work for which they were given and in the event of their being collected in such amount as to assure the selfsupport of the work they might ultimately be retransferred to the custody of the college directors to whose care they were originally consigned. Dr. H. seemed to think this the only way in which to secure cordial unanimity in the vote and I reluctantly withdrew my opposition to a simple and unqualified assent to the transfer as proposed by yourself. I understand that a graduate of the College one Thambapillai now an assistant engineer in the employ of the Colombo municipality has sent you a long arraignment of the Mission and defense of the Misses L. which I trust you will value at its real worth. It is unfortunate that the attitude of the Mission towards these ladies and towards Dr. Marston has been so much misunderstood in Ceylon. It has been caused in part by the extreme attitude of some individual members of the Mission who seem unable to see any good in those ladies and who are I fear anxious even now to get rid of the Marstons just as soon as they can.

I trust that Dr. H. the mission secretary communicated

to you without delay the vote of the mission asking for a reinforcement of two young ladies at the earliest possible date even tho you may not be able to comply at once with our earlier request for another ordained missionary. Of course if we may hope for a real American missionary doctor, that will make the need or another ordained missionary less urgent as long as Father Howland remains with us; but he seems very frail, and tho he may live for years we ought not to be surprised if he should suddenly fail us at any time. If he does what shall we do, in the absence of Bro. Hastings for the next two years at least I suppose? Even with Father H. bearing a double burden I shall have to care for four stations, at each of which a missionary family used to reside, one of them being a double station viz Chavagacherry and Varany. There are 5 churches connected with these stations, 12 outstations with resident preachers or catechists and 70 schools besides the Training Practising and Ind. School, with its 150 pupils of whom about 60 are boarders and the girls boarding school with 30 boarders. Then too, the [illegible] it will be most unfortunate for this school for me to be residing elsewhere, the greater need to a girls boarding school of a resident missionary makes it our duty in the judgement of the mission to live at Uduvil, till

some one can be sent out from America to our help

It has been suggested that my wife's sister Miss Grace Fairbank now teaching a private kinder garten school in Springfield Mass might be willing to come out with or without her partner in that school If they could be induced to come I am sure they would make an admirable reinforcement. They could take charge of the School at Udupitty at once and if on the return of Mr. Hastings they should be no longer needed there there would be ample scope for them in the Odoorville School. Miss Howland is undertaking altogether too much in caring alone for that great school in addition to keeping house for her father & in his increasing weakness and partial loss of sight, keeping all his station and school accounts, supplying the lack of his failing memory and practically running the station for him, and I fear she may break down utterly even before he does. My wife is trying to help her as well as she can by taking charge of the training of the girls in vocal and instrumental music in which our Miriam, whom we now send home with Mr Hastings, has been no little help to her mother, but there ought to be three ladies at Odoorville. Years ago I urged that it should be made wholly a ladies station as with a missionary family at Manipai only one & a half miles away the circum-

stances are peculiarly favorable for 'manning' a station wholly with women; and the large seminary, and the overwhelming preponderance of women in that church make it par excellance the woman's field in our mission. I dont think it has worked well for young ladies to have exclusively evangelistic work in this field. Their consciences invariably drive them to too much exposure to the sun; but in connection with such a ladies seminary three ladies would be able to divide among themselves the domestic, school-room and village work in such a way as to have a pleasing and healthful variety for each and yet have definite and well defined duties and responsibilities for each one of the three. Dr. Fairbank I know thinks favorably of Miss Grace's coming out to Jaffna and I have written to her and I need not assure you that if you can get her she will be heartily welcomed and will fill the bill as all of Dr. Fairbank's children have a way of doing. I do hope you will have a young ladies out here within six months and the better able they are to sing and play and kindergarten in addition to the essentials of education consecration and common sense, the more useful they are likely to be.

We are all pretty well now. The new year is opening auspiciously and we hope & pray and believe that it will be a year of blessing.

Faithfully yours,
Thos Snell Smith

Recd Apr 18.

Tillipally Jaffna May 13 1881.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr. Clark.

I have to thank you for your favor of the in which you kindly agree that the $100 received by Mr. Leitch for the Training School may go towards the contingent grant of $500 already allowed for the equipment of the school. I shall write to Mr. Leitch at once quoting your letter.

I note that on the whole you approve of our daughter Mary's plan to go to Oberlin taking with her our third daughter Hizzah now on her way to America with the Hastings. If the proposed home for missionary's children at Oberlin were already open I should quite approve of both the girls going there. I have been strongly advised not to send Hizzah to Auburndale and that not by our daughters now in America but by a trustworthy friend residing not far from Auburndale and well acquainted with the state of affairs at the home. But for this I should prefer to have Hizzah go to Auburndale in the event of my step-mother being unable to give her a home. I do not see how it can be wise for the two girls to go so far away from our kindred to Oberlin with no

place within 500 or 600 miles that they could call home. My wifes cousin Mrs. Mellen has written very decidedly of her inability to take our daughters under her care and of the apparent impracticability of the home being opened for the present at least. I hope that the way may yet open for Hizzah to go to Northfield with the privilege of going to my Mother for her vacations and for Mary to return to Wellesley in the autumn or at the expiration of a full year from the date when the temporary failure of her health compelled or was made a reason for the interruption of her course. If the College authorities were sincere in giving that as the reason for their decision they can hardly object to her returning to join the next class on Dr Pomeroy's certificate to her entire recovery of health. I trust also that Mary has learned a lesson that will be of great value to her and having begun at Wellesley it will it seems to me be much better for her to go back there and show all concerned that she can do steady faithful commendable work satisfactory in every way to her teachers as well as to her own cronies and herself! It seems to me that the College authorities ought to send statements to parents from time to time as to the progress and attainments of their children It would be a relief to us to have such reports

and it might be helpful to the children as well.
We are very grateful to you for the kind interest you have taken in Mary and the help you have rendered in providing for her stay at Auburndale. The Hastings will be reaching New York in a few days and then our daughter Sirzah will proceed at once to Winchester N. H. to spend a few weeks at least with her sister at my step-Mother
I have authorized my sister Mary to make such decision as may seem best to her in regard to Sirzah after consulting with Mrs. Walker and my cousin Mrs. Arnold of Cambridge and I have written to our daughter Mary that she must abide loyally by that decision. Our first preference would be Northfield with vacations at Winchester – second Oberlin if there is a Home there otherwise Auburndale.
I wrote to you while in the hill country of Ceylon in reply to your kind letter in regard to Mary's health telling you that I accompanied Sirzah to Colombo and saw her safely off in the Rewa on the 24th of March – I tarried in Colombo a few days after that to attend several items of business in regard to the Industrial School and because my host Mr. Bestall of the Wesleyan Mission was anxious to have several photographs taken of his Industrial Home for orphan-

and destitute children at Wellawatte some 4 or 5 miles out from Colombo. This home is connected with the newly established cotton spinning and weaving mills and work in the mills is at present the only industry taught. There are 140 children in the Home representing various nationalities and castes, some 60 of them being children from Jaffna. The native head of the Home is Rev. Levi Lee a Jaffna boy the son and grandson of two catechists in our mission. His mother and grandmother, wife and ~~all his~~ sisters ~~have~~ all ~~been~~ educated in Odanville Seminary and his two brothers in Jaffna College. On Good Friday I preached to the boys in the school in Tamil while Mr. Bestall said a few words in English and Mr. Lee gave them the substance of my talk in Singhalese which he has learned ~~the~~ Tamil is of course his vernacular. ~~The~~ advent of Easter holidays made it impossible for complete the business I had in hand and so I stayed over till Easter Monday ~~going~~ On Easter Sunday I visited the famous self supporting Singhalese churches at Moratuwa 20 miles or so South of Colombo on the sea side railway I went unaccompanied and ~~un~~ introduced as I wanted to see them ~~in~~ unprepared for visitors

taking a little bullock hackery at the station I drove to the nearest church which is situated opposite to the famous Prince of Wales College established and endowed by ~~the~~ Singhalese millionaire D. Supa family - in connection with the visit of the Prince of Wales nearly 20 years since. Finding the pastor home I followed him to another church whither he had gone for the morning service thus missing the largest congregation which is under another pastor nearly two miles away in another direction. However I found an interesting congregation in a nice little church which they have build ~~for~~ themselves within the past 18 months. The pastor begged me to preach and interpreted for me an Easter sermon and then the Congregation asked me for a message from the Jaffna churches and then two of them, a woman & a man, led in prayers which of course I could not understand. Then the pastor took me home with him to breakfast and introduced me to his wife and children. He himself was dress in a far more clerical ~~attire~~ ~~garb~~ than I - black trousers & clergyman's coat, with the Singhalese apron like cloth in black merino, which looked ~~for a~~ very like a bishops apron and low crowned black felt hat ~~with~~ and finely starched collar & cuffs. The wife however who could not talk

in English was dressed in native style. They live in quite European style sitting all together at the table and using knife fork ~~and~~ spoon & napkin with a degree of correct familiarity that would scarcely be equalled in an ordinary ~~laborers~~ farmer's or mechanic's table in America. After breakfast and prayers the pastor took me to see the large church which I missed in the morning at Moratua Malla or "Corner" and we called on its pastor who told me the story of its building some 10 or 12 years ago. It is a fine stone and brick structure with a lofty trussed roof of teak carved with tiles and it cost or would have cost at market prices for materials & labor over 10,000 rupees. They had only a small part of this as a grant in aid from the mission, most of the materials and labor being the gift of the people themselves. When the walls were ready for the roof between three & four hundred native christian carpenters came together and worked upon it without pay till it was finished and in place the timbers being given by native christians of other castes or classes in the church and the rice for the labors by others still, while the christian women living near contributed the curries & did the cooking as their share in the enterprise. This year they are building

or separate bell tower

a gothic belfry, designed by one of their own members who is a draftsman in Govt employ and costing without the bell over 300 rupees while the bell will cost them nearly as much more. It was interesting to know that this whole community is Christian and has been for nearly a generation largely through the faithful labors of ~~our~~ native preacher Peter De Silva who died only a few years since. There are Roman Catholic and Church of England christians as well as Wesleyans in the place but the only Buddhists are stray strangers from other regions who usually become Christians soon after coming into the thoroughly Christian atmosphere of this place. It was a refreshing and inspiring visit and I returned to Colombo by the afternoon train well fitted by the experiences of the day for the Easter sermon in English which I had promised to preach at the Wesleyan Central Church or chapel as they say at Colpetty in Colombo. I would like to write you at length of my experiences on the following sundays, preaching to the Tamil coolies on the tea estates, to the planters & engineers at the present railway terminus Nanuoya, to the orphans & waifs in the Home at Happy Valley and finally visiting the head quarters of the C.M.S. Singhalese Mission at Cotta six miles out from

Colombo where work was begun the very year that our missionaries first came to Jaffna - Mr. Coles the veteran missionary of 30 years during 12 of which has been separated from wife and children for the work's sake and who is famous for his mastery of colloquial Singhalese in preaching took me out to a country church 3 miles from Galle and interpreted for me and then administered the communion and I felt that this act of fellowship was a fit & pleasant ending to my tour - Among the Mountains I tramped more than 100 miles climbed Adams Peak and spent a night on the summit; E. & walked the whole length of the new railway extension doing no less than 30 miles in 30 hours - 25 miles from Nanuoya to Haputale. During that night on the Peak a company of shivering pilgrims broke into the little room in which I was sleeping with a fire on the floor in the corner to help keep out the cold. Instead of jumping up & kicking them out as house breakers, a la planter or civilian, I only told them to keep still & let me sleep on as it was only 3 o'clock - Waking again at five I found them getting ready to go out & watch for the rising sun but I asked them to wait a little as they had been enjoying the hospitality of a Christian and learn what helped us to be hospitable even to house-breakers for such they had become by breaking in my door - and then repeated to them the 19 Psalm and after telling them of the Sun of Righteousness whom alone all should worship offered a simple prayer. They kept

perfectly still and as they went out begged my pardon for breaking in and thanked me for allowing them to finish the night by my fire. This little Christian service on the Summit of the Peak so long given over to the worship of Shiva & Buddha gave me no little ~~pleasure~~ enjoyment and it was pleasant to see the friendliness of the whole company during the rest of our stay and as we went ~~down~~ together down the precipitous flights of steps cut in the living rock which mark the ascent of that steep path had to return to Jaffna by coach over the Central road as the steamer by which I expected to leave Colombo for Jaffna just six weeks to a day from the date of my leaving Jaffna for Colombo was unexpectedly laid up a week for repairs. Leaving Colombo by rail at 7 A.M. Wed. I took the coach at 1 P.M. the same day at Matale 91 miles from Colombo and 183 miles from Jaffna and passing on night and day by double horse coach 32 miles to Dimbulla, thence by large bullock coach to Anarajapura 42 miles through the night, thence by smaller cart & power bullocks 20 miles to Elephants Pass & thence 25 miles by double horse coach again to Chavagacherry 11 miles from town, where my carriage met me ~~and took~~ at noon on Friday and took me straight to Udupitty whither my ~~family~~ wife remained with the three children still remaining with us soon after the Hastings had left, as it was felt on all hands that the girls boarding school had the strongest claim to my wifes presence at least.

I was glad to find my family fairly well and glad to get back to my work with health and strength so well renewed so that I can take up added burdens that others have been compelled to lay down with a freshness and vigor that would have been impossible ~~had~~ but for the escape from the trying strain of the hot & windless months of March and April in Jaffna

We are grieved that you should again suggest the closing of the Uduvil Girls Boarding School

Some of the pupils studying there might very possibly be crowded in at Odanville or taken over by the Wes leyans at Chavagachery but it is not so much the interests of these individuals as the interests of that community that are at stake. To close a girls boarding school in a distant and comparatively new field where it has long been a center of life & light and where it is costing the Board less than $175 per year would be a disastrous mistake. The total cost of the school is nearly three times that amount but the cost to the Board of educating these 30 girls is only $6- per head per year. Surely the Womans Board will see to it that this is not done. If it should become absolutely impossible for the Womans Board to keep up the school let them give it over to some other

Society capable of appreciating its value and willing to give it adequate support and development.

But why should the Board give up the only girls boarding school in our mission that still asks a grant in aid? I am sure that if the individuals and societies & schools now contributing to the support of this school were consulted they would protest with me voice against its being closed or even given over to another Society. I do hope that our request for one or two ladies to take charge of the school and of the evangelistic work for women and to occupy by the Mission home will be granted without delay.

It is hard enough for us to have charge of four stations without having our home life thus broken up by the necessity of occupying two stations at once with my wife's headquarters at one of them and mine at the other the greater part of the time.

The work is going on as usual at all four of the stations under my care. The past term in the Training School has been a season of unusual spiritual interest and activity and the ~~number~~ list of candidates for admission to the church includes nearly all the boarders in the school. The grts. grants earned by the school in Dec. & January were Rs. 1250 for the Training School 300 for the primary practising day scholars 300 for the middle boarding dept. in ordinary branches & 300 in special

ie subjects, 90 for a pupil teacher and 640 for the Industrial Department or nearly Rs 2900 in all – the fees of the boys will be about 900 more while the grant from home is only 500 or so – If the school had even Rs 5000 of invested endowment fund it would be a wholly self supporting school – two of course Rs 5000 for the accademic and the same sum for the Industrial Departments would ~~of course~~ be a more adequate foundation – but for this I must await for the Lords time and may confident that in due time it will come.

Faithfully yours
Thos Sue Smith.

Tillipally, May 15, 1871.
Rec'd July 13.

June – 8th Dear Dr. Clark; I very much regret the delay in sending this letter. It was left behind at Uddlipally when I went over to Udupilly for a week or two in that field & another week at Chavagachery & tho I sent for it my messengers could not find it. Meanwhile we have been grieved to hear of the death of your only son. It touches our sympathies **especially** to remember that at the very time when you were exerting your self so kindly in behalf of our daughter your own heart must have been heavy with sorrow at the thought of your own impending bereavement. May God comfort you and the Mother and sisters We have two little boys born within one year of each other after the 4 daughters and they are very precious to us & this helps us to feel the severity of this stroke which bereaves your only son. I have told our little fellows about your loss and the eldest Allen Fairbank – 7 years old on the 30th of May, wants me to send you his **picture** wh was taken the other day as a standard of measurement of the big jak fruit which he is holding by the hand – The fruit weighed 72 lbs. The native woman is the Christian name or Ayah who came to us 20 years ago and has had an important share in the bringing up of all our **children**. She is the most trustworthy woman we have ever known will never let the children hear what they ought not to & loves them as her own –

Dr H. will have written to you about Mrs. Hotchkiss illness & death It is a most unexpected event & a mysterious Providence I can but feel that had Dr. Martin tarried with us he might have saved this precious life. Do send us a missionary physician as soon as you can – yours &c.

Udupitty May 28-1891

Dear Dr Clark;

I quite approve of Miss Bird's decision that Mary must not try to reenter her old class. but I do hope she may be allowed to reenter the following class after Mr Sep's at the beginning of the winter term

As ill health is assigned as the ~~cause~~ reason for not allowing her to go in the first place I dont see why now that health has been restored she should not be allowed to try again

We cant manage it without a scholarship but I should be very grateful if she could be put into

Tillipally, May 15, 1891

a scholarship and allowed to
try once more—

Miss Freeman assured
me in 1887 that I could
depend on Mary's getting
generous assistance from
the Students Aid Society

If you can ~~get~~ help to get Mary
the chance to try again I
would be deeply
grateful.

I inclose a letter to Mrs
Lord and one to Dr Fiske
both of which you are
welcome to read if you
like to before forwarding

I cannot at all appreciate
of Mary's letter. Yours so

to Oberlin in the absence of a home there and with Mrs. Mellen enough to testify for her in-

I have a long letter written to you but it got left at Indianapolis and I cannot find it till next mail.

Thanking you for all your kindness to Mary not only in words but in the very act of thus asking you to help shall move by every your influence to get her another chance. I am

gratefully yours

Wm Snell Smith.

PS. I dared put this letter to Dr. R in a separate cover for fear of making it over weight

W.S.

Rev. T. S. Smith

Udupitty, May 28, 1891

Recd June 25

Tillipally Jaffna Ceylon Sept 28/91

Rev. W. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr Clark;

I beg to acknowledge your favor of Aug. 14, in re our daughter Mary, received more than a week since on Thursday Sept. 17th and your favor of Aug. 15, reporting the gift $25 from Mrs. W. A. Blymer for the work of Mrs R. C. Hastings, received only last night Sept. 27th.

The former perhaps requires no reply. I can only express the conviction that you have received an exaggerated impression of the short comings of our daughter at Wellesley. She certainly has faults of character and she certainly did make grave mistakes at Wellesley but it is equally true that she was laboring under some physical disabilities. Dr. Barker was most unfair to her and a part of the opposition to her return is evidently due to the fact that it would involve a refutation of Dr. B's diagnosis of her case. I can quite see that Mary has forfeited any claim to aid at present at least but I think it will

be unfair if she is denied permission to return at Christmas time, entered the new freshman class on passing the semester examination in Greek and completed the freshman year without a scholarship. She could then, if no scholarships were available at W., receive an honorable transfer to some other institution having a fair record at Wellesley. It should be remembered that she passed all but one of the semester examinations and that she did not fail in that (Greek) but simply failed to take it from sheer physical inability to sit up at the time. I shall therefore make the above request because I believe it to be my duty to do so. If it is refused the responsibility will not be mine. Dr Emery has written me decidedly in favor of Mary's ability physically to return to college duties. Others have written very kindly of her success in teaching. She herself evidently realizes her mistakes in the past and will I am sure avoid repeating them. You will, I am sure, be glad to know that our daughter Hogah is to have her home for a year at least with my mother and sister at Winchester N. H. while Emily

has returned, I suppose, to Northfield for a second year in Mr. Moody's school.

I will put the proceeds of the $25 to the credit of my acct with Mr. Hastings to which I have charged certain items of tuition &c. and will ask them for particular directions as to how the rest should be expended. ~~I had~~

I had hoped to have heard before this of the crediting to the special contingent grant of $500 dollars to the Seminary school, of the $100 secured by Mr. Leitch. The Misses L. wrote me that the donor would be well pleased to have this use made of her gift and as you had already expressed your consent I trust the transfer may be made before the close of the year. One of our senior queens scholars in the Training School, their leader and prospective valdictorian in fact, died of fever during the recent vacation of the school. Thirteen years since, a boy who had just joined the school died during his first vacation from the effects of the bite of a mad dog; but there has been no

death since then among those connected with the school until now, nor has any one died during this period among the graduates of these thirteen years. This is a remarkable health record and speaks well of the healthiness of this region and the wholesomeness of the regime of work, study and play which makes up the school life of our boys. The industrial training and the regular gymnastic exercises both contribute to this result.

This young man "Benj. Gilman," was named for the son of a friend of Mrs. Dr. Howard who died during the last term of preparation for College and it is a singular coincidence that our Gilman also was expecting to enter Jaffna College two years in advance immediately after graduating from the Training School at the close of the present term! This young man gave promise of great usefulness. He was formerly headstrong and ~~and~~ unruly but since our Convention last January he has been a very different boy. Tho' a church member before he felt that he gave his heart anew to Jesus at that time & ever since has been a humble

consistent & active Christian & a good & faithful

The death of the queens scholar means the possible loss of Rs 150.00 at the final scholarship examination in December next. He would have been sure to pass while the young man who will be appointed in his place will not be nearly as sure of passing if the examination is at all stiff. I have been unusually well since my return from that brief trip to the Hills in Ceylon in spite of which I wrote you, until attacked by the La Grippe some three weeks since. I am getting over the attack but my throat will not allow of my preaching again for some weeks yet. The strain of working so many stations is beginning to tell and it is very much to be hoped that reinforcements may be sent out soon so that we may be relieved of the necessity of keeping up two* establishments. My wife & children are over here now for three weeks of vacation time at Udupitty but it is their first appearance here for 14 weeks and on returning to Udupitty they will be confined closely there for the rest of the year. I have to be away from them more than half the time and for the second

* The salary of a married missionary family includes a consular & extra expense, to wit, for two cartage extra servants & school fees expense

of the year shall be more than ever constantly needed here at Silipally to aid in the thorough preparation of the training School for the coming government examinations in December and January on which its remuneration depends. The Barman of whom Father Hunt wrote to you was here at Silipally for nearly three months while feeling his way into Christianity; but at that time he did not feel ready to give positive testimony to his Christian faith. It seems like a genuine conversion & I should feel a little surer of the man's truth & steadfastness if we could get more light on his past career in India. He could give only one Indian reference giving then only the name of the city in which he sojourned for a time with a Christian missionary. I wrote a letter addressed to "the Protestant Missionary" in that place and got a reply that did not confirm the man's own statements. Then I tried to get his photograph but he persistently refused to have it taken. It has been taken since and I plan to send a copy of it to that missionary in Central India for identification. If he is not a true

[illegible] swindler [illegible] insinuate [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

I had hoped to have had the pleasure of speaking to you ere this the organization of a new church at the outstation of Varany in the Chanagaohany field. This was formerly a full station with a girls boarding school and was occupied by the Apthorps and subsequently by my parents and I was born there on Jan. 24th 1845. The boarding school was closed and the station abandoned as a central station in 1846, I think, on account of the malarial fevers constantly prevalent there which really caused the death of Mr. Apthorp and very nearly carried off both of my parents soon after my birth. It was kept up as an out-station however the outstations appurtenant to it the location there of the present catechist and native teacher nearly 15 years since. This man was a graduate of the training school and of the same theological class in which Pastor Ekhiatamby of Odoville studied. He stood at the head of the class in scholarship and ability while Ekhiatamby stood near the first but owing to certain charges preferred against him which the out proven showed

great lack of discretion on his part the young man, Sivaratnam, was relegated to the position of a village school teacher for ten years when the rest of his class were appointed to evangelistic work. He took this discipline in excellent part and after ten years of admirable work as a teacher he was appointed to catechist at the distant unhealthy and undesired out-station of Varany. He accepted the position with cheerful alacrity and has done very well there, building up the school and getting in converts until the Christians under his care increased from a bare half dozen to more than 30 souls. The old prejudice against him prevented his licensure as a preacher until the Christians of Varany petitioned, three or four years since, to be organized as a separate church with him for their pastor. When this petition was presented to the Ecclesiastical Body his class-mate & old rival Eliatamby brought forward the old stories together with a fresh charge of immoral conduct at Varany. Dr Ferguson, the missionary in charge of Varany at the time, made a thorough investigation & reported to the Ecl

Body that the stories were based on a single incident capable of a favorable or unfavorable interpretation; that he Dr. A. and the Christians at Varany were all ~~interested~~ convinced ~~with~~ of his innocence and that the two teachers who circulated the story confessed to have done it maliciously because he had corrected & punished them for some attempted dishonesty in keeping the attendance register. On this report Devarattanam was licensed to preach but the organization of the church & his ordination as pastor was deferred. At the last meeting of the Ecclesiastical Body in June ~~the~~ it was voted 17 to 2 to proceed to organize and ordain and a committee appointed to make arrangements, met, fixed the day & arranged provisionally the order of exercises. Then, without apparent reason the Hand of the parent Chr. Church - who had given me apparently hearty co-operation thus far joined Pastor Erlichtamby in his persistent opposition & refused to take part in the exercises. They persist in declaring their lack of confidence in Devarattanam the pastor that has repeatedly assured me of his high esteem for him and even now wants me to recommend

in for employment as a pastor in the Madura field!* There is too much reason to fear that the three leading pastors are connected perhaps unconsciously to themselves, by unworthy motives. The Varany Christians with Sarasattanam Tiru pre or elect naturally feel deeply aggrieved. With the approval of my colleagues Dr. & Sathya Dh. I have advised Sathya Dh. to refrain from further supervision of that part of the field and have assumed myself the position of acting pastor to the nascent church where request to the parent church for separation was agreed to some months since. They are already raising more than enough for half the salary of their pastor-elect and have given 10 rupees to the Bible Society & promised to give at least one rupee monthly to the native evangelical or home missionary society. Whenever the Ec. Body meets their pastors will find themselves in trial and if a mistake and will receive merited rebuke while the wrongs of the Varany Christians will then be righted at last. This has been an interesting experience in the practical work

* Parts C. the Sec. of Ecl. Body simply recorded the report of the Sub-Com. & refused to offer any thereon.

ing of our centralized Congregationalism which is almost "Presbyterianism." It has been a revelation to of the strength of prejudice of which even good men are capable and of the extent to which truthfulness is one of the perfected fruits of Christian heredity and ~~rev~~ development.

The Christians at Atchuvally where a nice little chapel has been built within the past three or four years chiefly through the liberality of some friends of Mrs. R. C. Hastings, are also asking for organization as a separate church and for the ordination as their pastor of Mr. Joseph Sanders the licensed preacher who has been doing an excellent work there for several years. The Christians at Andimaar wish to be joined with them at Atchuvally and I trust this may be brought about tho the parent church at Udupitty is reluctant to part with both groups at once. The growth and development at Atchuvally and Andimaar in recent years is very evident to me as I compare the present state of affairs with what I remember of them conditions when I was removed from Udupitty to Manipad in 1874. I would like to write of some encouraging symp

of growth in the Panditeripu field but will reserve them for another letter. This forsaken burden is heavier than I can long continue to bear and its opportunities are more than I can possibly improve in any adequate fashion; but it is peculiarly a labor of love with me. Urany is my birthplace Panditeripu the home of my childhood, Udupitty my first love as a missionary as well as my father station for many years, the very premises it literally was first acquired by my efforts while living at Udupitty in 1873 - and all the schools at all these stations are under my management for nearly ten years. If consistent it is pleasant to come into close relations with them all again. We hope to hear soon that Dr Giles or Dr Bell has been appointed missionary physician for our mission. Mr Hastings will surely hasten back as soon as possible tho I would advise two winters at home for him. I am sorry Dr Howard acted in such fashion as to give you the impression that we did not want to have any benefit from the funds raised by the Misses L. If Dr Bell's brother can be sent out as an ordained missionary to be getting the language & preparing to take Father Hollands place when he gives out as he may at any time now, I am sure he would be most welcome even if he is a Methodist as I suspect he may

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I am sorry Sorabjee acted so unfaithful towards us will I permit myself to express my

Dear Dr. Clark

As my letter was over weight any way I put in 4 prints of views taken by the Ind. Sch. photographer whom I took over to India with me. He was trained by Jesuits-priests whom I took to America with me. The Jaffna House especially you will be interested to see the little fellow standing by the pud is Allen Fairbank's over eldest son 8 yrs old. The entire cost of the photographer trip was more than met by customs cost done him for natives & foreigners amounting to over Rs. 60 so that the net cost to the School of an interesting set of over 3 dozen negatives of views of

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Udupitty April 17. 92. Dear Dr C. The Bells got off to India enroute to Kodaikanal on Friday at 6 p.m. by the S. S Chindwara. I saw them safely aboard & got the Capt to let her cot to put in the upper deck. Carried her up the stairs on my arms as she was too feeble to take a step & Mr. Bell is not strong enough to lift her safely. On Sab. the 9th I took a cot & mattress over to Udupitty and removed her on it in my carriage to Odanilla by moonlight a distance of 12 miles and we kept them with us till they sailed for India. For three weeks Mrs. B. has not eat up at all. Factor Howland & Miss H. returned Thursday evening. I expected to be at the point Kanyakumari 2½ miles from here & thus they were not expected till sat. I thought they might catch the steamer at Nagapatam & so got the carriage ready to go out to the S.S. as it came in at 6.30 P.M. Friday morning. Got aboard safe & sent them in to Odanilla at once.

They were very anxious to be with us as long as possible

Udepally Cafra May 1892

Rev. W. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr Clark;

I have been so very busy for months that it has been difficult to get any time for writing letters and I have rarely let so long a period elapse without reporting myself at least briefly to you.

The coming of the Bells was a great joy to us. We has written you no doubt that we put them in possession of Udupitty house in a few days after their arrival and that I placed him in charge of all the evangelistic agency at that station retaining only the drudgery of the account and secular management that he might be as free as possible to study and evangelize from the very first. The second master of the Training School who has been my right hand man for years, especially in managing the business affairs of the school, seemed to be the best available candidate for munshi and so I gave him up for that. Mr. Bell began evangelistic work with great ardor. The native agents responded promptly to his appealing example and an astonishing number of meetings were held during the three months of Mr. Bells stay at Udupitty. I tried to give him the fullest swing possible, to avoid chilling criticism and unnecessary caution tho I urged him to watch himself carefully and moderate his pace as soon as he found himself losing ground in sleeping or digestive power. I think he was fairly quick to learn wisdom from experience and fairly ready to acknowledge after a little that our cautious maxims were based on an actual need to conserve vitality in this trying climate.

Mr. Bell took up street preaching in the form of "sunrise meetings" at the street corner at Schottgerwal with sudden ardor and kept it up readily for two days and then, tho the native helpers were ready to keep it up indefinitely he dropped it entirely "lest he should lose the friendship of the people of that Port." I felt very much drawn to Mr. Bell for our views and sympathies and tastes are much alike on many matters and I was looking forward to many years of pleasant fellowship and co-operation, when, like a lightning bolt out of clear sky, came the announcement of his intended purpose to sell his bishopric, dishonor his ordination, go back on his solemn engagement with the Board and go over to the mummery and millinery and episcopolatry of the so called Church of England. I pleaded with him for half a night not to do what would certainly bring reproach upon him and upon us, what would be misunderstood and mis-represented and would almost surely prove to be a disappointment even to himself, but all in vain.

He is doubtless sincere in thinking that conscience demands the step but if he could only see himself as others see him in this matter, and understand that conscience is leading him astray! I felt constrained to tell him in sad sincerity that I feared he was simply the victim of a subtle form of self-seeking. He seems to be dazzled with the notion that God is calling him to the career of a Judson or to imitate the example of Bishop Caldwell, who came out a missionary of the London Missionary Society and in a year or two perverted to the S.P.G.

and ultimately became their suffragan bishop for So. India. He reasoned in this fashion with me. "God has not given me such a peculiar career for naught, called me out of Methodism through Congregationalism into Episcopacy, given me such a unique success in the immediate use of Tamil (?) and shut me suddenly out of Jaffna (by Mrs. Bells illness) without some great purpose and that purpose I believe to be to use me for a great work as an episcopalian missionary to the Tamil people of India."
He actually seems to have accepted appointment under the Board with the purpose more or less definitely formed in mental reserve to go over to Episcopacy in India after making a fair return for outfit and passage money by five years of service under the Board in Jaffna and now he shortens down the time to less than half a year.
This has been a most grievous trial and disappointment to me but I am coming to feel that the unworthiness may not be in our work but in him; and that it must be that his tarrying here would not be for good and so is not to be allowed. I very much fear that he deserves the verdict of prediction "Unstable as water thou shalt not excell." Brilliant versatile devoted and catholic he certainly is but I fear he lacks a sober judgment and a steadfast purpose. There is no telling to what erratic course such a conscience may drive its victim. Conscience must be obeyed but Conscience must be controlled and tested and disciplined when it seems to command what involves a wrong. What puzzles one most of all is the fact that Mr. Bell is apparently attracted almost if not quite as much by the high church ritualistic

ultra sacramentarians as by the evangelical the sometimes rather narrow minded C. M. S. Mr. Bell's decision is now generally known. I begged him to keep it in abeyance for a few months but; tho he apparently assented, he told the Kowlands about it as soon as he got to Kodaikanal and has since written that he wishes it to become generally known. I was pleased by the comment of one of our intelligent native Christians "We (the native Christians) dont like to see a Missionary caring so much about such trifles." Mr. Bell cannot have been repelled by narrow opposition to his tastes for from the first he was cordially encouraged to do things in his own way, to try the experiment of introducing the Lords prayer, the apostles creed and responsive readings into the sunday service and in his evangelistic meetings. I tried to get him to see the wisdom of ~~the~~ remaining with us and winning us to such innovations as might prove valuable improvements on our old methods and forms especially in the way of enriching our public worship by introducing such liturgical forms as have already been introduced in the services of ~~the~~ churches connected with the Madura Mission.

When it became evident that Mrs Bell must be taken to the Hills at once if her life was to be saved, Mr. Bell reluctantly consented to the move. (He had been declaring that he should not go to the hills for ten years at least no matter what the rest of us might feel it right to do.) We took them in for a week at Periyakulam whither we had gone to open the school so that Miss Howland could stay a month longer at Kodaikanal and then helped

them off for India. It was a very trying journey and Mrs Bell seemed to be barely alive when they reached Kodaikanal but she pulled through thanks to the bracing climate and Dr. Scudder's assiduous care and I fancy rather heroic treatment (calomel plenty of it) and now Mr. Bell writes that he thinks our Mission ought to change its rule and send its new missionaries to the hills the very first year! Our rule is every case on its own merits but preferably one trip in three years.

Pattison and Miss Woolland returned the day before the Bells departed and the next day my wife and children went back to Udupitty to care for the Girls Boarding School while I came here to Tiruppattur to meet as far as I can the need of the Training School for closer missionary supervision than I was able to give it last year. The grants in aid from the government are about five hundred rupees less than last year and it will be impossible to keep within the Mission grant of 500 rupees. The Government inspectors seem to have deliberately tried their utmost to cut the grant down as much as possible. We had some test examinations of our own in which the boys did admirably well only to be "plucked" wholesale in the official exam. on papers really easier than those which we had given them and one of the junior queens scholars whom they plucked in contention their inflicting a loss on the school of Rs 100 for this and Rs. 150 for next year is decidedly the best penman and writer in the whole school. I am doing what I can to keep down the expenses of the school but the very high price of rice this year makes it

very difficult to reduce the running expenses of the School. A new inspector has been appointed and I hope he may prove a fairer & more friendly examiner than his predecessor.

The Christians at Mohuvely and Tondemanar, out-station of Udupitty, are to be organized into a separate church on the 19th of May and Mr. Joseph Sanders a licensed preacher and graduate of a former theological class is to be ordained as their pastor. About 25 individuals go out from Udupitty church to form this colony and several more will join it from other churches. They are already paying more than half of Mr. Sanders salary. At Point Calimere where the new church was started in 1876 with a salary of Rs. 20 to the young pastor of which the mission paid Rs. 10, the salary is now Rs 25 of which the mission pays only Rs 8 while its membership has increased from 27 to 52 members. A small part of this increase is owing to a transfer to this church for its pastoral care of the new out station of Vedaliy and the few Christians there resident.

At Vasavy the christians are paying one half of the salary of their pastor elect the licensed preacher Mr. A. Devasahayam. whose ordination is still delayed by the frequent separation of two of our senior native pastors. They raised nearly Rs 30 at their thank offering ingathering last month and which was more than several of the station churches raised, and since then at a special public meeting in their school house called for the purpose of raising funds for a church

building and presided over by Mr. Cassichetty the Police Magistrate of Point Pedro and Charagachery, they acted valuable subscriptions for over Rs 100 in money and for about 80 palmyra palm trees worth at least Rs 200 more. The church edifice is to consist of two of the rooms of the old Mission House dismantled some 30 years since which are to be thrown together and roofed over. It will measure about 42 by 21 ft. I was born in one of the two rooms and so I tell them that I will provide the door and window frames and the windows and doors as my share.

Mrs. Seevasathiam has been very ill for many weeks and I was much pleased when the leading church members came to me with a proposal to give their "pastor" a special donation of Rs. 10 and still more so when he refused to receive it because "the church needed it more than he." The six schools in that district are doing well.

At Nunavil too (3 miles from Charagachery towards the town) we hope to have a house for the preacher completed and the meeting house well begun before the end of the year.

I generally manage to spend from two to four days in the Charagachery field when I go over to pay helpers and teachers on the last Saturday of each month. Twice already this year I have spent the Sabbath at Usan six miles beyond Charagachery towards Elephants Pass where there are about thirty church members more than half of whom are farmers traders &c and their wives. A very interesting conversion of a young farmer ~~two~~ about a month since has greatly

cheered the Christians. His wife seems almost persuaded and we hope that both may be united together. I gave them the communion at Uhan at one of my visits. They greatly enjoyed it because nearly all could come (25 were present) while often less than half could attend the communion at Chav. 6 miles away. They have a site for a church and a good burying ground both the gift of Christians and they ought to be organized into a native church with a pastor of their own as soon as possible.

At Pandateripu (4½ miles west from Tillipally) the church have already decided to call as their pastor, the catechist Daniel Valuppillai who has been in charge since Pastor Eliamby removed to Odoville. I spend one Sabbath each month at this station taking three services one or two at the station and one or two at the outstations. The last time I went in the afternoon to a village where the only two resident Christians have recently died a mother and her son both victims of consumption. The son was educated in the Sch. School whence he was expelled when just ready to graduate at the head of his class 15 years since for eloping with a Christian girl of Tillipally a graduate of Odoville who had waited in vain for three years for her heathen parents to provide a Christian husband for her. They were waylaid & the girl dragged along the road by her hair just opposite our house at Manipai while going to town to get married before the District Judge. We took the girl in and protected her from her high caste friends till the three weeks required between the banns & the marriage could elapse & they could be legally

married and then I got for them a place to teach in a Mission School on one of the islands. Her friends considered his caste inferior. They did a good work for 10 years but then an obscure uterine disease causing great suffering led her to jump into a well in a fit of madness and she was drowned. He would not remain in Jaffna & wandered away to Colombo whence he returned two months since in the last stages of consumption to his mother who old & crippled was already dying of the same disease and survived him only a fortnight. They were members of the Religeuse church but in the absence in India of Pastor Thuedmas the Pandulippu Christians cared for them in their time of need. The mother the poor & feeble has asked for no aid and since her death we have found that she had long been very faithful in teaching the daughters of her neighbors to read the bible. Now that she is gone her neighbors beg me to send them a teacher, promising the attendance of more than 30 girls As there is a Rom. Catholic registered girls school half a mile away I can not hope to get government aid but it seems too bad to refuse a teacher to these so eager to learn.

You will remember that about two years ago Pastor Hessington of the Odorville Church resigned in order to accept the call to go to the help of the American Methodists at Singapore, a call extended through Bishop Thoburn I believe. About three

months since he returned on leave with his sick wife who it was thought would not live to reach Jaffna when they left Singapore. She is recovering and is fairly well but as it was generally felt that it would not be wise to take her back to Singapore and as Mr. Herrington was not wanted there and as his wife that Mission wrote him not to return, paying him his full salary to the end of June as some compensation for dismissing him. They write well of him but the missionary now in charge (a Dr Ward) evidently does not favor the keeping up of their evangelistic work among the shifting migratory semi population of that place. Our Mission have placed Mr. Herrington at the new outstation of Mylitty 3 miles from Tellipally where an able and trustworthy worker was greatly needed. Our maximum pay for a catechist is 20 rupees but as Mr. Herrington is a middleaged ordained minister we are paying him Rs 25 with Rs. 5 for his wife as a bible woman. They are taking hold of the work admirably and I hope for good results. Mr Herrington is also responsible for a service every Sunday afternoon at the port of Kangesanturai half way between

Tillipally & Mylitty, where the medical officer of the port and the postmaster are both of them Christians. This is the port of Jaffna from March to October each year with from 2 to 4 steamers calling every week and several sailing craft at anchor in the roadstead nearly all the season. Whenever the rail road is built it will be the terminus no doubt and last year it became also a telegraph ~~office~~ station. The Christian officials there want very much to have a chapel built and a girls school established, forming to give a site & building for the latter and I hope to be able to establish one soon

It is near the 23rd of May as I finish this letter. I have to acknowledge with thanks your welcome favor of the instant reporting the gift of Mrs. and Miss for the equipment of the Training School. I will write them letters of thanks at once. I wish very much that the $100 previously given to the school & which I understood both yourself and Miss Leitch agreed should be transferred to their equipment extra appropriation of $300 might be handed over. I am hoping to get off to Rodad Kanal on the 10th inst. for 4 weeks of recruiting with Dr.

Fairbank. I am thankful to say that we have all been been very well during the past six months. It is not satisfactory to have to spread ourselves over so wide an area and it is hard to have the home so broken up but we hope to have strength to hold on all around the line, till the Hastings come back or some one else can come to stay. Mrs Smith and the children have just had a poor turn and I wish I could take them all to Kodai for a month or so but Mrs Smith is very unwilling to go till next year. Once in three years is all that she feels willing to undertake. Now that Mr Bell's decision is and it seems doubtful whether Mr Hastings will return in the autumn it becomes more important than ever that I should ~~should~~ recruit my strength for the extra burden which I must bear ~~bear~~ my back again, just as I was beginning to rejoice in some relief.

Faithfully yours.

Thos Snell Smith

P.S. May I thank you for your tribute to Prof. Stearns of Beyrut. I was greatly shocked to hear of his death. His paper before the council in London was so admirable in content and in spirit that I read & re-read it with delight that afforded some compensation for the unhappy impression made on me by Dr. Goodwin's Unchristian sermon. Prof. Stearns seemed so full of promise for the future & yet God called him away. I like to think that these mysterious providences may be hints of the exigencies & the importance of the life & the service that his learned & zealous son. Great-nephew & namesake of the late President Stearns of Amherst College, was just starting out for Beyrut when we left home.

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Kodaikanal Palney Mts.
June 27 1892

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr Clark

I came over here on the 8th of June for a month of recuperation - I had been suffering for nearly a month from a return of my old bronchial cough and Pharingitis (Clergymans sore throat) and had been much reduced in strength so that a change seemed necessary - As our eldest son Allen Fairbank 8 yrs. was much weaker I brought him with me leaving Mrs. Smith and Abby & Herbert to abide by the staff till our return - I came over intending to keep house for myself but Mr & Mrs Bell were very anxious that we should board with them and as I wish to get on as cheaply as possible with them &

a refusal to accept their invitation might have been misunderstood & mis-represented. I yielded to their urgency.

I am glad to find Mrs. Bell much improved in health. She is able to be about the house and has a good appetite & digestion & goes abroad in the invalid's chair belonging to the house but she cannot walk much yet. I don't think she ought to leave the hills till after the confinement.

Mr. Bell's purpose not to return to Jaffna seems unalterable. He appears to have made up his mind to offer himself to the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, if he has not already informally done so. He is an intimate friend of the leading Missionary - Rev. Mr Wyatt, who we have

of the late Bishop Caldwell who is in charge of this church up here. Mr. Bird has not attended the Tamil preaching service in our church at all since every up here this he attends "Holy Communion" at the English Church every Sunday morning at 8.30 a.m. For a time he went occasionally to the American Mission Chapel, Erukkancheri but for some time has attended the English afternoon service instead of going to the Government Dr. Faubel who has charge of the Am. Mission since the Pryce went down to the plains asked him to preach last sunday (yesterday) but he refused to do so. I told him frankly that if he could continue to draw his salary from the Board & live on the Jaffna Arrac, and free with a good conscience he ought to be able also to preach in the Am. Mission. Under circumstances he got very angry and

accused me of treating him in an
ungentlemanly manner.
Apparently his sole reason for
refusing to preach at our church
was a fear that it might affect
unfavorably his negotiations with
the S. P. G. people for going over
to them. His own has excited
universal indignation & contempt.
The Chairman of the Madras Mission
and Conference says that he would
have stopped his salary at once
on his making application to the S.P.G.
Apparently he has not the least in
tention of repaying out fit or paying
money or any portion of his salary.
I can not feel that we ought
to continue to pay him after the
end of this month. We could pe
passing to return home to Jaffna on
the 1st of June before his wife was
able to get out or about at all. I would
at once write the Rundeley & Ap
Synod of the end of the brethren

that he ought not to think of sending his wife to the care of others while so feeble & ailing & neglected to say nothing of the needless cruelty of depriving her of his society, at such a time and manner that as his intention to leave the Mission was well known; ~~and~~ even if he could return to Jaffna we felt that it would be folly for ~~him~~ them to attempt. That he would ~~to find~~ find it difficult, now that his purpose to leave had been widely announced at his own request, to avoid the attempt ~~to~~ defending his course and in defending himself would inevitably be attacking us or our methods so that his labors would not be to edification. At the same time I wrote him that when he was able to leave his wife with safety it would be well perhaps for him to take a trip with Mr. Tracy through the Peninsular field which he would find full of interest and profit. I also intimated that if he felt bound to come back to Jaffna and the Board approved his leaving Mrs Bell it would be better for him to come to Nellore till his wife could return, as Mrs. Smith

was more needed. As Adjutant by the girls boarding school, than he was while during my absence his presence would be especially helpful as Hilliard, when he would have a chance to meet with a new set of helpers and get acquainted with a new portion of the ~~work~~ field. I also attempted to show him how his double position practically put him at odium to Congregationalism and then from the latter to Episcopacy and all within six months would inevitably be regarded by others & would injure him in the judgment even of those with whom he proposed to draw in his lot, and urged him to turn back now then, assuring him of a cordial welcome back to Jaffna if he should do so. This letter made him very angry and he charged me with seducing his conscience. This was all after I came over here, but after my previous letter to you. Before I came up here he asked Mr. Tracey to let him go on a tour with him and after Mr. Tracey had arranged accordingly Mr. Bell wrote him "confidentially" that as

Mr. Smith and others had advised him to keep very quiet at present. He did not wish to go on the proposed tour. He declared expressly in his letters to Dr. Kinnaird and myself that his sole reason for leaving our Mission was the imperative command of God to become an Episcopalian & then told Mr. Tracey that he was much disturbed with matters in Jaffna especially with the strained relations between the other missionaries and the Mess Leitch and Miss Fox. He did not propose to return thus leaving Mr. Tracey to infer that he would like to join the Madura Mission. Mr. Bell sends a copy of his letter to you in regard to his leaving the Board to us in Jaffna. protesting at the same time that he had not intimated to Dr Kinnaird that he accepted the invite of the

Board with the purpose in view to go over to Episcopacy after a time, but you may have observed that the language of his letter to you almost implies the consciousness of such a prior purpose on his part.

I regret exceedingly that our new engagement has turned out in this way but the more I see of Mr. Bell in dealing with him, the more content I become with his purpose not to abide with us. He was thought fanatical only one hour daily before I came over. Now he studies hard his hours daily and apparently in desultory fashion he might go in the village here & preach talking with the people daily in if he thought it was not to evangelize but would not go out alone. He is utterly destitute of habits of regularity in taking exercise, goes out but little & is making no adequate improvement of his

more than golden opportunity now enjoyed by him for rapid progress in the study of Tamil and for thorough daily exercise in order to the strengthening up of physical and mental energy for future use on the plains.

How, under the circumstances, he can endure to continue to draw his salary from the Board and to occupy as his own the house of the Jaffna Mission I cannot understand. It is worthy of note that Bishop Caldwell himself frequently preached and the American Churches in Madras have many retired S. P. G. missionaries and dependents so that Mr. B. is already "the wrecking hand with a vengeance as is the habit of perverts" generally.

You are advised of Mr. Hoyt's case undoubtedly. His calling some weeks since lifted the church had all

given him up (Christ excepted I believe) was most remarkably, but I fear the improvement will not be permanent. I found him very feeble on arriving here. The doctors had advised taking him out of this rarified atmosphere and as none of the Madura missionaries came up to his relief Mr. Wolf of the Am Lutheran Mission & I carried down the grand invalid. He had to be helped out of his chair every mile or two of the 12 and the descent occupied about 8 hours. He used up nearly a half pint of brandy in small frequent doses while going down & was very ill all the following night of Periodic dysentery but Dr Van Allen, to whom we carried him at the foot of the grand ladder, overcomes measures and brought him relief. I fear he has not many years or at most months to live. I do hope

the Madura Mission will not insist on attempting to send him home to America.

After all that he has done for this Sanatarium he has certainly earned the right to be allowed to die here in peace. His hope has been the fate of his qualities but all his most offensive economies have been exercised in behalf of the interests of Mission property & not for his private gain. His private possessions are as Dr Fairbank and others have had of reasons to know have been greatly exaggerated. After the Mission has lost his services and has to manage this Sanatarium without his remarkable gift of executive ability they will begin to realize the value of his long service here.

Letters from Jaffna report Miss Howland as much reduced by repeated severe attacks of indigestion

and I should not be surprised to hear at any time that he had passed away. At all events his days of active service are practically ended. When he dies Ottinello should I think be occupied by a strong staff of ladies say Miss Rowland and the young assistants. But certainly not by the Med. Missionary women. The site of a large female community is the best place for a lying in hospital. I regret very much to see that the Misses L. wish to have the same care for both medical missions. No greater mistake could be made than this. There will be danger enough of jealousy any way and the two missions should be kept quite distinct. The Misses L. are merely manoeuvring to get in themselves at Manipur again. The two Mission are of one mind in one that the Mission doctor shall have Manipur. If the Misses L are send

will accept the situation and heads
the women's Med. Mission at
Chunnagam or if the C. M. S.
will allow them at Kopai in the
C. M. S. field. They will also
keep away from Jaffna for the
present at least.

I must beg you in consideration to do
all that you can to send Mr. Rad-
ings back to Jaffna and to send
with him or after him a new
missionary to take the place of
Mr. Bell. Our need is great indeed
We shall some number but two missionaries
no doubt, before help can come
and the work must suffer to say
nothing of the great strain to our-
selves and the danger of our breaking
down too.

I am getting good daily from this
bracing air. We at present it is not
a very good place for bad throats.
It is a joy to be with our Father
Fairbank again & I am glad to

Tillippalai, Jaffna, Ceylon.
Aug 1892.

Rev. N. G. Clark. D.D.

Rev'd dear Sir,

The present strength of this church is 128 adults and 58 children. I am glad to be able to say that the majority of the members are growing in grace and perform their Christian duties faithfully. The number of the church members was augmented during the past 6 months by additions of five individuals on profession of faith beside 2 infant baptisms. Out of this number, three are from our Training Institution. One death occurred in the church at the beginning of the year of a poor devoted teacher, who had been aided in his support both by the benevolence of the church and the resident Missionary Rev. J. S. Smith, during a period of upwards of three years when he was confined to bed owing to paralysis. He had been enduring all the afflictions with great patience, having resigned every thing to his Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ committing his only surviving crippled daughter to His care.

With regard to Gospel work among the heathen, I am glad to say that the work is going on as usual and many heathens have well and clearly expressed their satisfaction with the doctrines of Christianity in comparison with the Swite

preachings lately commenced in the new School building erected by a certain Headman of the village at great expense and dedicated last month when a subscription of Rs 3000 was collected for its support.

There is nowadays a spirit of hatred against Christianity, prevalent in the minds of many people set up by some leading men of influence in the country by means of Swite preaching which is now a great hindrance to gather even common people to our meetings held in moonlight nights. Satan is now more vigilant in his work of opposition than ever before, which is a sign, I hope, of the speedy end of his kingdom.

It should also be noticed here that at present one class of heathen are averse to all attacks upon religion of any kind, but do not object to the preaching of Swite doctrines. The best educated and intelligent people generally refuse to be present at Swite meetings, because they understand the great blessings Christianity has conferred on them and their country. Some of them are quite against opposition to Christianity, showing that the truth has got such hold in their minds that they cannot bear to have it attacked and traduced.

While this revival among the Hindus and the active swite preaching appears discouraging, it is a consolation to find our Christian young men coming to the front. Our Y. M. C. A. is doing good work this year. Many

of them go in companies to hold moonlight meetings for the heathen. The income of the association amounted to Rs 103. last year and it was spent in giving prizes to the Sunday school children for Bible verses learned, in the support of a boy in the Training School, in helping the Mailiddi Church building &c

We are anxiously waiting for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the people of this land.

I beg to remain Ever Yours

Yours truly

J. S. Christma

Ochanlle Aug. 28th 1872

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr. Clark;

In forwarding the annual letters of three of the native pastors of churches under my care I will fill up the empty lines on this sheet with a few words of greeting from myself. I have had the original letters copied by my writer onto official paper and the copies of two have been signed. I will not delay the letter from Pastor Stickney to send it him for his autograph but forward it with the others. I hope to receive the first letter of the most recently ordained of all our pastors Joseph Sanders of the new church

at Stehwaly in a few days but will not wait longer for it. Pastor Kunst of Chanyoshung has very likely sent his letter to your direct as I have had no reply yet to my note reminding him that the annual letters were some than due.

We buried Father Kontland beside his wife and not far from Dr. Hastings in the "Gods Acre" at Oberville where so many of our Mission have been laid away just at sunset yesterday the 27th of August. He has been steadily, tho very slowly, failing since the first days of June. When I went over to Indian June 8th I felt doubtful of finding him alive on my return. He an invalid for more than 50 years (a life long victim of severe dyspepsia) he had great natural vitality. For the past months he has been "dying daily" literally expecting that each day would be his last. For many weeks he has taken no solid food only a few ~~dro~~ sips at a time of hot tea or egg nog or coffee or milk and soda water and suffering almost constantly from inability to assimilate even the little liquid nutriment which he forced himself to take. Of course he became greatly emaciated. Still his pulse remained fairly good and till within 48 hours so of his death he managed to get out & into his carriage for a

Heartily could not come back this evening
Mrs. Rowe and her two little daughters
of a Burmese stature

Mrs. Burnett

aiming at least once daily. He lived nearly three days after losing the power to swallow liquid food retaining the power of speech till the last day and able to express recognition by the eye or the pressure of the hand till nearly sunset on Friday the 26th and he died three hours later at exactly 7. P.M. With my family at Udayagiri 8 miles away and all my work pressing on me I could not be much at Bathcotta and with Ketchick and Wallace there to take turns with Dr Rowland in the night watches I was not needed but from the 23rd I gave up all engagements and stayed at Udayagiri going over (8 miles) each day to render such help as might be needed. I got to Bathcotta on Friday p.m. or about three or four hours before the end and had the privilege of commending the passing soul, just as he gently breathed his life away, to the loving Saviour whom he had served so long and well; and then with the help of the native christian doctor and of two faithful servants who had cared for him with careless devotion all through his illness I arranged the worn and wasted body for the grave. I never saw greater emaciation - every bone seemed outlined with a thin covering of skin the nearest approaches

Mr. Burnett's sermon on Daniel 12 was
a most impressive discourse
delivered in the native
language.

to it that I have ever seen were the very skeletons of famine victims in the relief camp near Tirumangalam in 1877 - Sister Rowland said quietly at my last interview but two with him "I suppose I am literally starving to death from sheer inability to assimilate food."

The funeral took place on Sat. p.m. I conducted the service in the Church at Ballicotta which was filled with a large company of Christians from all three of the missions in Jaffna - As the Church at Odumbe is still under repair it was necessary to hold the service at B. Mr Rickford of the C.M.S. read the beautiful burial service of the Church of England at the grave and Mr Garrett of the Wesleyan Mission made the leading address in English at the service at Ballicotta. The funeral procession was escorted by a great company of native Christians singing appropriate hymns and native lyrics as they marched. It was an impressive scene as the well worn body was laid to rest surrounded by a great "cloud of (living) witnesses" to the truth and beauty and helpful fruitfulness of his long service of 46 years - broken by only one visit to America from which he returned to Jaffna 30 years ago.

He was literally so feeble that he never hoped to visit America again and he should not be allowed to return. When he came back in '62 Dr Green told him "you may be able to work five years more;" and yet for 30 years he has persisted in labors more abundant than the average missionary of full youthful vigor & she to accomplish with out risk of breaking down. He was always ready to preach and his preaching was always to edification. He has been the chief authority in Christian vernacular literature in Jaffna since Dr Spaulding's death 19 years ago. He was devoted to village work (evangelistic), was always accessible to all; even when too feeble to go out himself he called his native assistants to frequent meetings for report, counsel and prayer. Above all he was a beautifully unselfish spirit charitable almost to a fault in the judgement of native character, full of loving sympathy, modest, diffident and free from all self seeking to a remarkable degree.

I have often admired his mastery of self in his relations to Dr Hastings, who was two or three years his junior in years and some months younger in mission service and who had far less of learning ~~and~~ or eloquence or versatility but of whom greater

prominence in official position and general reputation and educational work he never seemed to be jealous. and to whose greater force of judgement and skill he always, perhaps almost too readily, deferred. I might go on indefinitely but my letter will doubtless be too late for your biographical notice and I must not inflict on you so long a letter as I did last time! I will mention one characteristic incident. Mr Howland was the valedictorian of his class (41 at Amherst College) (2nd in 30) I mentioned this rank in scholarship in the press message which I prepared for the Ceylon Observer immediately after "laying out" the only last Friday night and as I read the notice over to his son (Dr. Howland) he told me that he had never heard before of his father's college honors! What makes it the more singular is the fact that Dr. Howland held the same rank in his own College Class (Amherst '70) and Father Howland told me once that Samuel & John never mentioned their college triumphs in writing out to him! A family weakness this of a very unusual kind! My wife & children are here until me staying until Miss Howland for the first Sabbath and another day or two before leaving her alone in this great house with her "numerous family" of more than 100 girls & then my wife must go back to Allegheny again & I to Allegheny to hold on as best we can until help can come. I do hope

Allegheny, Pa. Oct. 1892.

Udupitty 22nd Feb. 1893.

Rev. W. G. Clark DD.

Dear Dr Clark;

I meant to have written to you some time since but since getting back from Bombay my time has been very much occupied. I was glad of the chance to go to Bombay, for my enjoyment of the previous Decennial Conf. at Calcutta was so great that I determined never to miss another if I could possibly manage to attend it. Dr and Mrs Howland felt that they could not leave as the University examinations of the College were imminent; while I could easily get away as the Govt. examinations of the Training Practising and Educational schools were all finished before the 20th of December. Moreover Bombay is so much the home of my wife that it seemed very appropriate that we should go; and, as Miss Howland kindly offered to take charge of our three children during our absence, the only serious hindrance was taken away and it seemed very plainly our privilege if not our duty to go. We were kept waiting for a steamer for Negapatam from the 22nd to the 25th till we feared it would be impossible to reach Bombay by the 29th the opening day of the Conf. The S.S. Patna sailed finally at 3 p.m. the 25th & landed us at Negapatam on Monday morning the 26th. Going on Monday evening we connected at Arconum with the Madras express which left Madras on Tuesday evening and brought us safely to Bombay at 8 A.M. Thursday in ample time for the opening session of the Conference.

We "broke the record" for rapid transit from Jaffna to Bombay

sea and land to Bombay nearly 1000 miles away. The Conference was full of interest and inspiration. I will not attempt a description for you must have read full accounts in letters and papers. It was not as well organized or as well conducted as the Calcutta Conference and it was marred by a most unfortunate quarrel at the closing session and the speaking was largely monopolized by a few pushing men who kept sending their names up or registering them beforehand as desirous of speaking, so that many who had every right to be heard tried repeatedly but all in vain to speak even once. In this respect also the Calcutta Conference was much better handled and made more representative in its roll of voluntary addresses. There were far greater facilities at Calcutta for meeting socially the various members of the Conference and for finding any one whom one might wish to call on but, with all its defects it was a grand meeting. The 30 or more who stayed at the Mission House and Barker Hall had a very happy time together. It was a genuine home gathering for my wife — to be under the same roof with father and sister & brother, to have her sister for her room-mate (for the ladies had the up stairs rooms while the gentlemen occupied the study and the school house & recitation rooms), to meet so many of the friends and playmates of her girl-hood — to renew the earliest memories of her life

while attending a Missionary Conference in India was a unique privilege for of course it was more to her than it could be to her brother or sister to whom the experience was not so new and strange. It was our first trip without our children since our journey out in 1871 and the first real vacation that my wife has ever had, for a mother can never get complete rest while caring for her little ones. Nearly every morning brought delightful little notes from the children who were plainly having a good time too, so that we could not feel anxious about them; and we did have a jolly time from the beginning to the end of our outing of 22 days. As we had to get back to Nagapatam to catch the S. S. advertised to leave for Jaffna on the 13th of Jan we could give scarcely one day to Ahmednagar for we got there at 8 A. M. Monday & left at midnight the same night and only a day to Sholapur where we met Henry Fairbank & family as well as the Harding and the Gates. The dentist detained us two days at Bombay and his "little bill" was just 100 rupees; but we were glad indeed to get the work done for it has saved me three front teeth which were in sore need of filling and has relieved my wife of the facial neuralgia which had been a persistent plague for months before. Of course such extra expenses pinch and compel the economy afterwards but we hope that the request of the mission for a single Mans salary to my wife as well as myself during the absence of the Hastings while we have had to keep up

two establishments and incur extra expense in many ways has been granted, and if it has it will make it easier meeting the inevitable extra expenses of this trip to Bombay.

As at Calcutta so at Bombay I was repeatedly impressed with the advance that has been made here in Jaffna as compared with any place in India of which I heard. This advance has made the situation so different that comparisons are often mis-leading. As such subjects as Self-support, the Native Ministry, the Missionary value of Higher Education, Missionary Comity &c. were discussed I could but feel that we are far ahead of any mission field in India of which I have ever heard. Our numerical results are still insignificant save in the work of elementary education; but in the position achieved for Christianity, in the removal of caste as the supreme obstacle to progress among the respectable castes, in the evangelistic value of our higher education, in the practical monopoly of elementary education for the whole population, in the development of the native ministry and of self supporting & self governing churches and in the perfect observance of an ideal Comity between missions of varying polity and nationality for 75 years, we are far and away ahead of even the oldest & best of Indian Missions. This is not self praise for it is not we who have made the difference. The long preparative attrition between hinduism and Christianity under the Portuguese and the Dutch, the

peculiarities of this field - a dense homogeneous intelligent high caste ~~community~~ population - the unequaled (save among the Pacific islands) liberality with which men and money have been supplied to this field ~~are~~ all one factor in the result. Side by side with this impression of unequaled progress here was the painful impression of meager numerical results as to communicants and adherents and the deepening conviction that efforts here must not be relaxed but put forth with redoubled vigor in the interests of all India and of all missions to organized paganism scarcely less than for the sake of merely local success. Perhaps the most inspiring element in the Conference to a Jaffna missionary was the presence there of no less than 15 Jaffna Tamils as members of the Conference none of them more than 45 years old, ~~and about~~ all of them active Christians and nearly all of them engaged in distinctively Christian work. They were Dr. Paul of the Friend in Need Hospital Jaffna & delegate fr. the Wes. Mission, one of the choicest of Dr. Green's students; Mr. Ambalavanar[2], son-in-law of our Pastor Rice and himself a native pastor under the Wesleyans at Madras; Rev. Chas. Sanders[3], native pastor of our Karadiv Church; & Mr. C. K Yesuthasan[4] Supt. of our Ind. School, both of these being delegates from the Churches of our Mission; Samuel Lee[5], nat. Prof. in Wesley, Col. Colombo

and delegate from the Colombo West Tamil Church; Mr. Fitch[6], teacher & preacher from the Canadian Presbyterian Mission at Ujaine Central Burma; Mr. John[7], son of our Native Pastor S. John, also from that Mission; Messrs Crossette[8], Charles[9], Bull[10], ~~~

Training School and visited America with me as you may remember. No less than ten of these men called on us at Miss Abbotts one morning between 7 & 8 o'clock without concerted action and without special invitation from us. In fact we had started out with a party to visit Victoria Park when a failure to get the right tram turned us back, and glad we were not to have missed the impromptu reception which so quickly followed. Two mornings later I tried to gather them all again to have their photo taken when we succeeded in getting 12 together - one having left town & two being just too late to be included in the happy company - There was no other single Mission or Christian Community or Native race even, so numerously and admirably represented in the Conference; nor, probably, had any college or University in India not even the great Wilson College at Bombay itself contribute so numerous a company of its own graduates to the membership of the Conference as did this little Jaffna College of our own almost microscopic field. Some good friends of ours have been much blamed for claiming that Jaffna College could & should train men for Christian service in India; but no more striking vindication of their views could have been planned than was afforded by this unexpected and spontaneous

gathering of Jaffna men at Bombay. Missionaries from Bombay and Ahmednagar, Indore Ujjain and Kolapore sought me out again and again to thank our Mission and College for sending them such valued helpers and to ask if we could not send them more.

I have not yet completed the reports for 1892 of the six stations and the boarding schools in my care and so will attempt no summary of the results of the past year. There are however a few items concerning the new year which I am sure will interest you. There is a decided advance toward self-support on the parts of several of the young churches organized within the past 10 years - most of them within 5 years - Erlady North Ch. organized in 86 with 28 members and a salary of Rs 20 to its young pastor Rev Wm Joseph of wh the Ch. pd 10 - & the Mission 10 - has gradually increased the proportion from the church, till last year it pd Rs 25 of wh the mission gave only, 8 and this year it agreed to receive only Rs 6. from the mission: Erlady South organized I think in 1888 or 9 with 20 r. cal, 1/2 fr. the Mission, this year brings the total up to Rs. 25 of wh the Mission is to pay Rs. 8 only - Atheraly, organized only last May with Rs. 21 of wh we gave ten, comes up to Rs. 24 with only Rs 8. from us - (us = the Mission)

Kanyentow undertakes to raise Rs 5 per month towards the salary of Mr Horsington at Mylitty while the Kilippally Station church gives up to the N. Erlady Church the schools, members and charities of the members, at Mylitty and Kanyentow -

nt opposition to his ordination on the part of two native
pastors will not be allowed much longer to defeat
the choice of the local church which has already been ap-
proved by the Mission and by a majority of the eccles-
iastical Body and upon which Gods Providence has long
set the seal of marked ~~approval~~ success.

The Week of prayer bore fruit in several conversions at
Tarany - ~~in~~ three at Usan and one or two at Changa-
kheny.

We have just graduated a class of eight (all decided Christians)
from the Training School. The new class of successful
queens-scholars numbers eight. The grant in aid
from Govt to the Training School was three hundred rupees
less than we had fairly earned, ~~[illegible]~~ (reduced by a very
unfair interpolation of the Code) and that granted to the Boarding
school was greatly reduced by the evident intent of the
Govt. inspector to keep the results as low as possible but the whole
amount earned was more than last years grant by almost 200 rupees
while the Industrial School earned more than ever before.

I write so seldom that it is not easy to be brief and
this time the trip to Bombay must be my apology for once
more troubling you with so long a letter. We were to have
had our triennial trip to Rodai Kanal this year but as the
sisters are still away and we should have to return in 8 weeks
to take charge of the girls school at Udupitty and as it seems
to have been the wish of the mission that we should have decided to continue our
absence at one of the mission stations for a longer period yet
we could this year dispense with a longer furlough
on the hills next year if the returns of the
Training & this station!

3rd Sheet.

In view of this fact that we are earnest for 6 stations we were surprised at your proposal that this station should be transferred to the College already provided with a Campus site and that we take Manipai needs our first care. Mr. Wallace's work is early needed help for our own people.

What can we do Sir? do not my actions return to show old relations? when off work? faithfully yours

The Church at Manippai without impairing its own self-support allows the Christians at Santillipai to colonize into a separate church. and they calling Mr. Chas. Sinnatamby as pastor agree to pay half of his salary of Rs. 28, nearly if not quite trippling their own gifts in order to do it. Varany already paying half the salary of its pastor elect stands ready to do better still as soon as it completes its little church building which it hopes to finish with only 100 rupees from the Mission. One of the first results of the starting of the Med. Mission at Charagachery will probably be the organization of new churches at Usan 6 miles and Nunavile 2 miles from that station. In both of these places the congregations have selected their pastors and are ready to begin separate churches paying half the pastor salary, but the Central Church cannot spare their contributions to its treasury. Rs. 30. Never the missionaries will require much help from Pastors. I have proposed that they relieve the Ch. of ½ the burden of his support and so acquire a right to half of his time. The other half of his time will amply suffice for the care of the strictly local congregation and he can have the satisfaction of seeing the churches at Nunavile and Usan organized and housed during his own pastorate of the parent church. The Char. Ch. has at length consented to release the Usan Christians and as they remain heartily united in the choice of Mr. Sevarallasam for their pastor and the work in that region is prospering under his care I trust that the pa

Jaffna. 11th April 1893.

To Rev. H. S. Clark DD.

Dear Dr Clark;

Your letter announcing the special grant of $200 to my wife & me on account of extra expenses incurred in keeping up two establishments and caring for so many children is at hand and we wish to express through you our grateful thanks to the Prudential Committee for this timely assistance. Will you kindly ask Treas. Ward to pay $100 of it to our daughter Mary at Wellesley College on her application and to keep the remaining $100 subject to a similar future request.

It do not think it would have been establishing a bad or even a really new precedent to have granted our request exactly as made. It has always been customary to give to a lady who has to keep house the allowance of a bachelor missionary. The Misses Leitch were allowed the same salary as a married couple after the return of their brother to America. After the death of Dr. Hastings Mrs Hastings was paid the allowances of a bachelor missionary and so was Mrs Newland after the death of Father N. We therefore only followed the precedent in the form of our request. It is true that I am with my family a few days every month but for that time the extra food expense is not incurred but the extra servants have to be kept on all the while and the extra

carriage and coachs hired by the month to draw the same. The extra allowance asked for would have been about $125 annually and by the time the return of the Hastings could enable us to resume our single establishment at Tillipally we shall have maintained our separate establishments for two years and a half or very nearly that time and 2½ times $125 is at least $300 - not $200 -
I do not renew my request, but I wish respectfully to submit the above figures to your kind consideration. We have been very glad to do what we could to shoulder the burdens which others have had to lay down and we have done it as a labor of love and should not regret the service and sacrifice even had no extra allowance been granted, but we think it only right to lay the exact figures before you. Last year we sent home to our three girls some savings of previous years and this year this grant will be used for the same object to help our girls at Wellesley. while we must try to save another hundred out here in some way to add to it.
I wish very much Mary might secure a scholarship next year but she seems very reluctant to ask for or even to accept one. She wants to insure her life and borrow money on the insurance but I dread very much to have her go into debt. Emily, now in the high school at Wellesley, hopes to be ready to enter the College next September. I do not see how we can meet the expense of two girls at once in Wellesley without a scholarship for one of them

at least and I trust that the way may open for such aid to be given. If you can do any thing to secure such aid we shall be very grateful.

I hope that the Prudential Committee have granted our request for a special appropriation of $500 toward the re-construction of Adiville Church. The members of the church are making every effort to raise all that they can among themselves. We voted Rs 200 from the income of Adiville Female Seminary as the teachers and pupils occupy about 125 seats in the congregation but the failure of the New Or. Bank has so crippled the resources of the school that this vote cannot be carried out (Rs 250 had been paid before the bank failed) The Adiville Church ~~contains~~ has fully twice as large a membership I think as any other of our churches; but, owing to the Fem. Sem. this large membership is made up very largely of women who contribute but little comparatively to its pecuniary resources. The fact that the Mission burying ground is at Adiville makes this the church from which our missionary dead are buried and to the walls of which modest tablets to their memory are affixed and thus it has become in a sense a memorial church and as such it has even stronger claims to help from the Mission as such than any other of our church buildings. Usually the Mission makes a special grant of half the sum needed for extending re-

pair or reconstruction of any of our station churches but no such grant has yet been made to this church at Odoville

Besides all these reasons for giving this church the help asked for there is still another ~~fact~~ quite worthy of consideration viz the fact that the resident missionaries at Odoville have cost the Board nothing in the way of expensive furloughs to the home land for nearly fifty years! Dr. & Mrs Spaulding returned from their only visit to America in 1845 & 6. and lived at Odoville without further furlough even to India till they died in 1873-4 ~~and~~; Miss Agnew never visited America during her 43 years of connection with the mission more than 40 of which were spent at Odoville Father & Mother Rowland lived on in Jaffna for 31 years after their only visit to the United States and since ~~spending the~~ 1878 they have been the Odoville missionaries. There are with others of precious memory Dr. Hastings, the Sanders, Miss ~~Hammond~~ and many others of the earlier missionaries lie buried at Odoville and it seems eminently fitting that the church which guards their sacred spot and from within whose wall so many missionaries have been borne to their last resting place should have this ~~and~~ generous help in its greatly needed enlargement and reconstruction

If the request has already been granted these added reasons may give the committee added satisfaction in their gift If it has not been granted I hope the adverse decision may be reconsidered and the request granted without further delay.

Udaipur 15 May 1893

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr Clark:

Your kind and welcome letter of 30th March reached me a week since. As I am writing to Dr Thing in reply to his request for a letter in regard to the Training School I will, as there is room, add a line to you.

I trust that all your anticipations as to the Sisters will be fully realized. They will have a cordial welcome and I hope they will not feel disappointed in the field or in the work as it opens before them. They will need much wisdom and grace and especially in the circumstance that the Misses L. will want to direct their labors and inspire their plans while as loyal missionaries of the Board they will want to retain the confidence and sympathies of its direct representatives on the ground. The Lecturer too will need much of self control and self denial to avoid coming into conflict with the established policy of the Mission in regard to the medical work. You inquire about preparations for the Misses L at Chanzaichung. I felt quite unwilling

to expend thousands of rupees in repairs and new buildings at Chanagadeny before the Misses L had themselves come out and made at least brief treat of the station and we had been able by actual conference to agree heartily on the form and extent of the reconstruction to be undertaken They finally agreed to this delay and so I am only making such repairs as were necessary to make the house in its present shape fairly comfortable for them while they have arranged for the Misses Leslie to remain in England a few months longer and that quarters at Chanagadeny can be made ready for them as well as for the Misses L. The Misses L will be met by an overwhelming crowd of clients clamorous for pecuniary aid It is their misfortune if not their grand serious fault to have made so much of money as the all important element in missionary work, in the impression made upon the native at least that from native pastors down wards hundreds are in a mercenary expectant attitude. I do hope the ladies have learned wisdom in the wearying years of their absence and will not repeat the mistake of indiscriminate ~~and~~ premature & excessive giving that marked and marred their first term of service. Faithfully yours

Mrs. J. Arnott.

Received, Jan 19

Udaipur 15th of May 1893

Rev. C. E. Strong, D.D.

My dear Sir;

Dr Howland has passed over to me your letter of 16th March in re the Training School. I was not aware such an annual letter was wanted or I would gladly have sent one every year as I am glad to improve every means of keeping the school in touch with its patrons in America. I am so much obliged to Brother Hastings for having supplied the lack the past two years. I will send you as soon as I return to Ahlipally several copies of the little booklet "The Story of a School" and of the paper which I prepared for the Decennial Conference at Bombay which will give them a good deal of information in regard to the institution. The official name of the school is still "The Training and Theological Institute of the American Mission" but that name is now a little archaic as there has not for many years been any theological class in connection with the school. The course of bible study is however as you will see quite complete and the staff of instruction really constitutes a very superior kind of a theological school from which every now and then a young teacher is transferred directly to the evangelistic and even to the pastoral work with an equipment not inferior to that of the graduates of our occasional theological classes. This theological training has the ad-

vantage to the Mission of costing nothing as it is received by teachers who are rendering a full equivalent in hard work for the salaries which they receive. I would call attention particularly to our course of study, and to the "Record of the past ten years" and to the statement in the booklet of the claims which the school has upon its patrons for their generous support.

The annual appropriation to the school from the Board is Rs. 500 but we are not always able to keep within the amount on account of fluctuations in the grant from government. The actual annual cost of the Institution is not less than Rs 3000 exclusive of the Industrial Department which is not brought to Mission account. Of this three thousand about 700 or 800 rupees come from the pupils as fees, only Rs 500 are supposed to come from the Board and the rest from the government. A fair grant from the government is Rs 2000 but for the years past the severity of unfriendly or hostile inspectors has cut the amount down to Rs 1600 in '92 and Rs 1800 in '93 and when these deficits occur we can but over-run the grant from the Prudential Committee. Neither the vernacular character nor the Industrial features of the school are specially popular with the native community who are mad after English as the surest road to preferment and pecuniary success so that we have usually to be content with the children of heathen

parents who are too poor or too unintelligent and stingy to send their boys to English schools, and with a few Christian children, orphans or the sons of the poorer native Christians. We teach English as Sixteen is taught in home schools too and boys who go from our school to the College usually enter a year or two in advance and stand among the first in their classes and those young men who are the graduates of both Training School and College make the very best sort of native agents as pastors writers & teachers in Boarding schools. One of the most interesting features of the school is its strong evangelistic character. It is very rare indeed for a boy to graduate a non-Christian. Nearly all become Christians within two years of joining the school and with many the coming to the school itself is the result of a choice favorable to Christianity while still a pupil in some village day-school with a faithful Christian teacher. Sometimes the thoroughly Christian atmosphere of the school repels a new pupil and he runs away or is prevented from returning after the first vacation by his heathen kindred; but even this may be over-ruled for good. One boy ran away last year only to become a Christian at home within three months and now after enduring severe persecution for many months he re-enters the school to be properly trained for the mastership of the Christian school in his own village. The older classes have charge of the village sunday schools held on sunday afternoons in villages too far from the station for attendance at the central sunday school which is held at the Station on Sunday morning. All the pupils are

encouraged to attend three moonlight evangelistic meetings in surrounding villages during each moon, in which they help in the singing and get ~~the~~ an unconscious preparation for evangelistic work ~~which the~~ while listening to the addresses of the older Christian workers. They are all members, active or associate, of the local Y.M.C.A. which is really more like a Christian Endeavor Society and a most excellent training school for active Christian work, as well as a nursery for personal piety. The Tillipally Y.M.C.A. is the largest and most aggressive of all the local societies in Jaffna and adds much to the evangelistic efficiency of the local church.

There are now about 60 boarders in the two departments Training, & Practising which together ~~with~~ comprise the Industrial School besides more than 100 day scholars most of whom belong to the primary standards I-V. of the practising school. Of these only 12, of whom 10 are queens scholars, comprise the Training or Normal School proper and are all boarders. The rest of the boarders belong to Standards VI-VIII and constitute with a very few day scholars the middle department of the practising School.

The needs of the school are mentioned in the two printed papers sent herewith. Less than $100 of the $500 authorized as a special appropriation for the equipment of the school has been thus far received. If the entire $500 can be now made up it will be a very great boon to the school. More than all we desire the prayers of our friends that the school may become more & more a nursery of piety and a center of influence for the training of Christian teachers & workers in this land.

Yours sincerely
J. Spencer

Udupitty 12 June 1893

Rev. W. T. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr Clark:

You will be glad to hear that our reinforcements reached us at last Friday the 9th inst. after having been more than a fortnight in the island. The native Christians mustered on force to give them a hearty welcome and no doubt copies of the addresses will be sent to you. The Lady Gordon was due Thursday evening and did another after nine but a rainy squall had come up suddenly and raised such a surf that they could not land till morning. Dr. & Mrs K came over Thursday P.M. and I tried to get them to stop the night with me but Mrs. K had a fit of indigestion and could only take soda water & milk and as I could not supply the former she could not stay. Mr Kulatscek did stop with me and Miss Kenland came over again in the morning so that there were three of us missionaries on hand to welcome them. Mrs S. was at Udupitty & quite too poorly to attempt the journey over. The Scotts and Miss M. made a very happy impression. The Misses L are looking very well. Their ~~at~~ remarks in reply to the addresses were too long and sermonesque but were earnest friendly and hopeful. Miss Margaret's plan to convert all Jaffna in seven years reminded one of their original plan 14 years ago to evangelize Ceylon in a year or two & then proceed to India but I am sure we

shall all rejoice if good does immediately result from their return. We had a pleasant breakfast together at Allahabad and then I got the Lotts off for Ballicotta in their own carriage which Ghulkasan had put in order for them the day before and then Miss Kirkland took her two colleague home while the Misses L. followed to dine at Odamitte and proceed after dinner to Bhangachery.

I was surprised to learn from your letter to Mr Ketchaveh that you had apparently forgotten your previous appointment of myself as the Scudder Memorial missionary. Soon after getting your letter I acknowledged and accepted the appointment in my reply to your letter and the following mail sent a long letter to Mr. Scudder direct which he must have received very soon after your writing to him to prepare Mr. Ketchaveh's name. How they can appoint Mr Ketchaveh while he is ~~another~~ not a missionary of the Board and is supported by the American College Fund I do not understand. I shall continue to act on your previous appointment until notified explicitly that that appointment has been cancelled.

Faithfully yours. Thos Snell Comptd.

Comptd Rec'd July 17 Butty June 12, 93

to Rob. Hume and to my
sister. If our daughter Mary
has her degree and can
safely come out to Jaffna to
relieve her mother of the
anxiety of the three younger children
I think it may be well
for her to do so coming with
Henry Fairbank in Aug. or Sept.
If the Board would pay her fare
out I would see that she cost
the Board nothing out here while
she would really be relieving her
mother & myself of much labor
which we otherwise must give to the
two children & we would be indirectly serving the Board
I will write more at length soon
but send this as however soon
as I might catch the steamer

Yours Truly
Horace T. Smith

Rev. J. S. Smith

Kodaikanal 22-5-94

Recd June 19

Dear Dr Clark

Dr Howland sends me the enclosed from Negapatam where he was waiting for the Steamer asking me to forward it if approved by Dr Scott & myself & so I send it on.

I have only time for a line this morning to say that a consult of physicians this morning decides Mrs Smith's health to be very precarious – We are ordered back to Jaffna before the cold rains of June begin here. The doctors fear tuberculous disease of the bowels. I do not write particularly of this to our children but have written to

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Kodaikanal 23rd-5th 1894

Rec'd June 30

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

Dear Dr. Clark

I wrote you a hurried note yesterday immediately after the council of the doctors on Mrs. Smith's case and enclosed it with Dr Moorlands letter in re the estimates for 1895. I will write more in detail this morning hoping that you may get this letter with the other as a letter posted today ought to reach Bombay in time for the steamer which leaves on Saturday the 26th at all events you will get it a week later. Please excuse the use of unofficial paper as I have none of the prescribed sort with me.

Dr. and Mrs. Scott have been watching Mrs Smith's case for months with great care. They have suspected the existence of tuberculosis of the intestines for some time and they also detect what seems to be an unsound spot in the right lung. They therefore called in Dr Cook an English surgeon & physician at the head of the good hospital in Madras I believe and a man of great experience and in whom the missionaries of the Madura and Arcotta missions have great confidence and after a full examination he confirms our verdict. Drs Scott and Chamberlain tell me that Dr. Cooke is a little inclined to be pessimistic in his verdicts and so advise withholding from Mrs

Smith for the present the knowledge of them has grave apprehensions but they agree with her advice not to keep her up here after the cold monsoon winds and rain of June has begun. Dr Cook says "If the diarrhea does not stop in a month after returning to Jaffna take her home, not for the sake of climate, but that you may all be together while you can." Neither the Drs. Scott nor Dr Chamberlain nor I are convinced that there would be wise even granting that Dr. Cooks apprehensions should be realized They think and I agree that she would probably be more comfortable and would hold out longer in Jaffna than in New England to say the least. I have for some time been thinking that when we

should have to take another furlough
it might be well for us to go direct
to California and arrange for the
education of our younger children
in some institution of that state leav-
ing them ourselves unto them until
we could leave them safely in other
hands to return D.V. for a final
term of service on Jaffna. I propose
now to make enquiries of some friends
in California as to the wisdom of such
a course Meanwhile Mrs. Smith ought
to be relieved of the teaching of the chil-
ren to some extent at least She is very
reluctant to entrust them to a native
persists in attempting to teach them
herself besides keeping house and
superintending the work of the
bible women - If Mary's health
is such that in the judgement
of her physician she can safely

come and if she is deprived to
do so her coming might
be the means of lengthening her
mothers days or even of saving her
life. It would at all events
be an exceeding comfort to us
and in the event of her mothers
recovery it would enable her to
do much more missionary
work than she possibly can
while the teaching of the children
rests upon her. Of course I have
a share in the teaching and thus
her coming would increase
my missionary efficiency as
well.

If Mary's expenses out could
be paid by the committee

it would be a great favor.
Such favors have been granted
and possibly the fact that neither
she nor her sister Emily have had
any share in the more liberal
things now served for missionary
children may be considered a reason
for allowing this request.

I wish to remind you again of
the request of our mission that
an additional grant of $100 be
made to me for extra expenses
incurred in our keeping up the
establishments at Lillipally and
Udupitty during the absence
of the Hastings. We were carrying
the burden of six stations have
assumed the work of the third

Hastings and of Father Howland as well. For this we ask no extra pay but we do feel that we should not be allowed to suffer actual pecuniary loss from these added responsibilities - and if looked at from the money point of view the Committee should remember that we were saving them the salaries of two missionary families and of Father Howland - Mr. Hastings furlough was extended nearly 9 months after the previous grant of $200 and the additional $100 now asked will only suffice to make good the pecuniary loss already incurred by us in carrying these added burdens without recompense to ourselves for the

doctors attribute Mrs. Smith's breakdown to the strain of her wintering life at Udaipur. If this aid can be granted will you kindly ask Mr. Ward to send the $100 to my daughter Mary S. Smith care of my sister Mary E. Smith at Winchester Va. &c.

I failed to get this letter into the post last week & am now finishing it on the 28th of May.

I am glad to report rapid improvement in Mrs Smith's health during the past week. She was put into iron, wine & cod liver oil and her system seems to be answering promptly to the treatment. We must stay in here a month longer if she continues to gain & the doctors are decidedly more hopeful than they

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Negapatam 14 July 1894

Rec'd Aug. 16.

Dear Dr. Black;

We have been detained here 24 hours waiting for the little steamer Amra to take us across to Jaffna. The agents assured us that she would sail on the 13th. inst and so we left Kodai on the 11th. We had expected to return to Jaffna a month earlier but the doctors urged our staying a month longer as Mrs. Smith had been gaining for a month only and two months was none too long a time for her to spend in getting better every day; as

Dr Scott put it. So we delayed and have been greatly benefited by it. Dr Cook the English surgeon whom Dr Scott called in for consultation in May and who put Mrs S. onto a regimen of cod liver oil hannated pepsine and tincture of iron and declared that if she did not mend in a month she must start at once for America called to see us on Tuesday and told Mrs. S. that she looked ten years younger than she did ten weeks before.

We thought it quite worth the while to tarry for her to see new her youth at the rate of

a year a week and I think you will agree with us in this even though it has added to our long furlough making it 5 months in all.

My health has greatly benefited by the change and my throat has given me no trouble for many weeks. We have great reason for thankfulness and we hope now to hold on in Jaffna three years more till we have rounded out 25 years of service before asking for a second American furlough. Dr & Mrs Howland will be taking their next furlough in 1895 or 1896 and we hope to send our youngest

daughter home by them but
the last days we hope to keep
with us till we go home our-
selves-

We have not heard definitely
whether our daughter did actu-
ally graduate at Bryn Mawr
in June but we have heard
she is to be tutoring a young lady
in Mathematics at Saratoga
during the summer. We do not
wish to urge her coming out to
us unless it is clearly the best thing
for her to do tho I feel that her
help would be very useful to her
mother and would add greatly to
the chances of our being able to stay
out this year more-

Faithfully yours
[illegible]

Tillipally Jaffna, July 22nd, 1894.

Rev. Mr. Barton,

Dear Bro.

It does not seem natural to substitute your name for that of dear Dr. Clark to whom we of this mission have been wont to address our letters for the past 25 yrs and I am sure that none of us can regret more than you do the need for his retirement. I well remember his recognition as Dr. Anderson's successor at the meeting at Pittsfield in 1866 soon after I had made up my mind to become a missionary; and my intercourse with him through all these years has been very pleasant indeed. I am glad that a missionary has been called at least temporarily to assist and perhaps succeed him, for I believe that to be the true policy for a missionary society; and, tho successful missionaries are not likely to covet the position, I believe it may well be their duty to listen to such a call when given in the providence of God. May you be enabled to follow Dr. Clark as worthily as he followed Dr. Anderson. I am happy to report our safe return to our station after a furlough of five months at Kodaikanal. As you may have learned from my letters to Dr. Clark Mrs. Smith was so slow to rally at K. that that the doctors threatened to send her home but, after two months or so, she began to mend, and then her improvement was so steady that Dr. Scott advised our staying on a month longer than we had intended, with the good result that she has come back looking lo

years younger than she did when she went away, while the bad symp toms which so alarmed the doctors have wholly disappeared. My own health also has greatly benefited by the prolonged stay in the invigorating climate of the hills. It added not a little to the pleasure of our sojourn there to have the almost daily society of dear "Father Fairbank We have visited the Pulneys four times as a family in 23 years and I have been over once for a short stay taking only one of our two little boys and every time we have had the pleasure of Dr. Fairbank's presence with us; till a trip to Kodai has come to mean a trip home to the father's house as it wereto my wife and none the less so to me for I have seen & known far more of this father than I evere did of my own father. I am more convinced than ever of the great value of that sanitariumto our Indian missions. In previous visits I have sometimes th't the place too much given over to mere recreation; but this time the "Conference for the deepening of spiritual life", which it was my privilege to attend for the first time, prevented that impression and added a crowning grace to the delightful season. On the way home while my wife took a few hours of needed rest at the r.r. station at Anangoganur I took the children with me for a brief call at Maduaa & Pasumalai and was greatly impressed by the progress made in buildings and agencies at both stations in the 17 years that have passed since last I visited them. Our journey home was easy and uneventful. We were kept waiting 24 hours at Negapatam for the steamer and for the arrival of our own luggage by "goods train" but we got over in a single night and landed early sunday morning getting

up to Tillipally in time for the morning service. It seems good to be at home and at work again and we hope to reap the good fruit of our long furlough all through the rest of the year. We have now been at home for one week and today we have had the pleasure of meeting our people at the Lord's table and of welcoming three accessions to the church, 2 of them pupils in the training school and the 3rd a daughter of Pastor Christmas. Several other pupils in the school wish to join the ch but the brethren of the ch.com. were not fully satisfied of their fitness and so they were put off till the next time. I can see that the work has suffered during our absence (if it did'nt why should we be here at all?) but the native brethren have done fairly well and I hope with health renewed to be able to do much for schools and churches before the end of the year. On the following sundays I hope to visit the churches at Erlarly North, Erlarly South, Panditeripu, Odooville, Alavetty, Chavagacherry and Varany all of which are under my care and if my throat keeps well preach to each in turn. Last year I preached on all but 5 or 6 sundays of the 52 but now for five months I have preached but once each in Eng. & Tamil at Kodai. and I feel very grateful for the privilege of preaching to one of our own intelligent congregations again today and finding my throat none the worse for it too. The ch at Allavetty, an out-station of Odooville, has lost its licensed preacher during my absence. Mr Moses was a good man a graduate of the Training School and of one of the theological classes in the vernacular He was about 55 and died of dropsy after a brief illness.

In my last letter to Dr.Clark I spoke of the possibility of our daughter Mary's coming out this fall to help us in teaching the younger children and to relieve her mother of some of the cares of housekeeping in view especially of the mothers feeble health. We have since heard that Mary herself was so ill after having the grip that she could not take her final exams at Bryn Mawr and that she may have to go to Dr.Weir Mitchell's hospital in Philadelphia for a part of next school year for treatment of her spine which has given her increasing trouble ever since a bad fall on the ice at Wellesley a year ago last January.

May I venture to remind you of the request of the mission that we be granted another $100 in return for extra expenses incurred in keeping up two establishment (at Tillipally & at Udupitty) during the absence of the Hastings in America? $200 have already been granted but that did not cover the extra expense actually incurred in the first two yrs of their absence and as they were absent two & ahalf years $100 more are required to make good our actual loss incurred in caring for their station in addition to our own If this sum can be paid over to our daughter Mary it will be a great help to us in trying to provide for her, such hospital treatment as she may need. She was hoping to have taken her degree in June and to have devoted herself at once to helping us in providing for the education of the younger ones. She is with my mother & sister at Winchester N.H. for the summer vacation and by the last mail reported herself as much better for the rest & nursing but we are quite anxious to have her make her own health the first

Recd Aug 3, 1894

Coordinating w/ her plans for this year, Miss Fairbanks, Miss Stiles, Mrs. Smith

Tillipally, July 23rd, 1894.

Rev. N.G.Clark D.D.

Dear Dr.Clark,

Your favor of the 22nd of June reached me this morning having been only a month and a day on the way. I wrote to Mr. Barton yesterday as I supposed you wished to have our correspondance transferred from yourself to him, but I am very glad to get at least one more letter from you. It made me feel old and homesick to write to any one else in your place. You will see from my letter to Mr. B. that I had already been convinced of the impracticability of having our daughter Mary come out to us. You will have learned already from letters written from Kodai, of the remarkable improvement in my wife's health and will rejoice with me that she has come back with such good prospects of permanent improvement in health.

We feel quite solicitous in regard to Mary's health and are anxious that the very best means should be taken for her recovery. Please thank the P.C. for their very kind and generous action in regard to any necessary expenditure in my wife's behalf. They will rejoice with us that no special expense is likely to be needed. If now the $100 special grant to recoup us for special expense in acting for the Hastings during their absence, as explained in previous letters and asked for by Sec Howland some months since, can be granted it will be a valuable and timely help in providing for any special expenditure that may be necessary in our daughter's behalf. Please let it be

paid directly to Mary or to my sister Mary if the daughter should be too unwell to be safely entrusted with it. A letter received from both the Marys assures us that daughter Mary was improving decidedly while resting quietly with my sister and mother at Winchester N.H. This is encouraging but I trust that no slight apparent improvement will be allowed to divert attention from such thorough treatment as the best medical authorities may deem best for her. She has mentioned a few months treatment in Dr. Weir Mitchell's hospital in Philadelphia as her own physician's prescription, and if this is the best thing for her, I trust that arrangements have ere this been made her to go thither when the hospital re-opens in early autumn.

I will refer you to my letter to Mr. B. for other particulars about our return and our hopes and plans for the rest of the year.

With renewed thanks to yourself and the P.C. for all your kindness, from Mrs. Smith as well as myself,

I am gratefully yours,

Thos. SnellSmith.

Ans. Tillinghast July 23, 1894
Rec'd Aug. 30.

4-15-95
5-8-95

Kodaikanal March 12th, 1895.

Dr. Barton, for. sec.

My dear brother,

At a meeting of the mission at Batticotta on the 17th of Jan. I was chosen secretary, as doubtless Dr. Howland reported to you. As Dr. H was busy in closing up the work of the old year he did not hand the books over to me till the 20th of February; and as we were to start for India on the 28th of Feb. I was unable to report myself to you at any earlier date. Brief special meetings of the mission were held at Manippai on the 20th and at Batticotta on the 23rd of Feb. to perfect arrangements for the departure of the Howlands and to complete the appropriations for the year. It was arranged that Mr. Hastings with the assistance of Prof. Hitchcock of the college should edit the Morning Star, that the roof of Manippai Mission house which was in danger of falling in should be safely but economically reapaired, and that until the churches at Odooville Navaly and Batticotta could be persuaded to assume the entire support of the colony churches connected with them the missionaries in charge should be allowed to draw rupees five, five, and ten respectively per mensem for native assistants in addition to the sums already appropriated. These three churches are the strongest financially of the 16 but perhaps for that very reason, they are the only ones that have failed to assume promptly their full share of the

Kodaikanal Hotel 14th,1909.

Dr. Harron, for. Sec.

My dear Brother,

At a meeting of the mission at Batticcotta on the 14th of Jan. I was chosen secretary as Gunliean Dr. Hunting reported to you. As Mr. H W Duff is closing up the work of the old Zoom he asks me to make the books over to me till the 20th of February and I have been busy for hours on the 20th of Jan.

I was unable to report myself to you at any earlier date.

Brief special meetings of the mission were held at Nellipoli on the 20th and at Batticcotta on the 22nd of Jan. To perfect arrangements for the departure of the Hunting's and to consider the appropriations for the year. It was discussed that Mr. Martin's with the assistance of Prof. Hitchcock of the college should call the morning star, that the 1001 of Nellipoli mission house which was in danger of falling in should be safely but economically repaired, and that until the churches at Udayville Navaly and Batticcotta could be persuaded to assume the entire support of the colony churches connected with them the missionaries in charge should be allowed to draw rupees five,five and ten respectively per mensem for native assistants in addition to the sums already appropriated.These three churches are the strongest financially of the 10 but perhaps for that very reason, they are the only one that have failed to assume promptly their full share of the

new responsibility of providing for the full support of the younger and weaker churches. We fully expect to bring them round to a more fitting state of mind but must work patiently with them as their financial importance makes them a little difficult to manage.

I am sure that you will rejoice with us over the good use which, in the providence of God, we have been able to make of the reduction in our appropriation for evangelistic work. As the unexpected absence of Dr. and Mrs Howland and Miss Howland will bring the total expenditure of the year well within the total fixed for the mission we trust that the reduction already effected in the cost of evangelistic work will be accepted as sufficient even tho it falls somewhat below the 2000 rupees named by the Prudential Committee. If it cannot be and we are called upon to make still greater reductions the effect on our native churches will be very unfortunate, for they will feel that their prompt generosity in assuming an added burden of nearly 1000 rupees has not been properly appreciated by the churches at home. We are still farther encouraged to hope that the reductions already reported will be accepted as sufficient, by the fact some additional appropriations or abatements of the great reduction have been made to both the other Indian missions. We feel too that the P.C. in meting out so heavy a reduction to the Ceylon Mission must have forgotten the reputation, as compared with the sister missions in India the peculiar reputation, of the A.C.M. for making very close estimates

.and for scrupulously refraining from soliciting funds directly fromt the constituency of the Board at home in addition to the regular appro priations and the authorized contingents of the P.C. A glance at the columns of acknowledgements by individual missionaries of donations from American friends in any annual report of either Indian Mission will illustrate what I mean. We do not wish to criticise the policy of our Indian colleagues but only to call your attention to a reason for being specially slow to inflict any reduction upon our mission.Still another reason is the fact that we have no such local constituency of possible patrons among the English officials as the Indian missions have. Our compact territory and the fact that we are strictly a rural mission leaves us without a single European official resident within the territorial limits of our mission while the three or four Europeans in the town of Jaffna naturally give their donations to the two English missions which share between them the town of Jaffna and such parts of the country districts as are not recognized as American territory.

We are sure that you yourself and the P.C. will be glad to be reminded of these facts which make us as a mission peculiarly dependent upon the reecipt of the exact amount named in our estimates.These facts have so influenced the past that, as we thankfully acknowledge, the heavy hand of reduction has very rarely been laid upon us even when the more luxuriant estimates of our neighbors have been severely pruned and we sincerely hope that the same kindness may be

shown to us in the future. If it cannot be I do not see what we can do but follow the example of others in writing more freely to personal friends at home of the financial necessities of our work I trust however that the future will not bring any such necessity upon us as we have taken no little satisfaction in the feeling that we had the special confidence of the secretaries and Committee as a mission which however small and insignificant refrained from private solicitation and always put its estimates at the very lowest possible figure.

As Dr. Howland will soon be in America we trust that you will have the chance to talk with him personally ~~with his~~ and gain a clearer understanding of all the special circumstances of our work. We are very much crippled by their departure nor can we hope for any relief from Madura. The College and the work at Batticotta the largest in territory and population of all our stations, must suffer most of all. The new and very promising B.A. class has been wiped out and the need of a new man for the College is very urgent, but of this Dr. H. will assure you when you meet.

The Howlands sailed from Colombo on the 7th inst.

The Scotts the Hitchcocks and ourselves with Misses Myers and (Dr.) Grieves and Mr. Best left Jaffna on the 28th ult. in the B.I.S.S. Madura landing at Negapatam on the 1st. inst. and reaching Kodai at various dates from the 4th to the 9th and we are all already benefiting by the change. Mrs. Smith is decidedly better

than a year ago the doctors dared to hope that she could ever be. The presence of our daughter is a great help to her and I hope for still greater benefits from three months of this cool climate. I hope to return to Jaffna myself two weeks hence and come over again in May to attend the Conference and take my family home at the end of May. I want to write you tomorrow as an individual missionary but this I think is all I need to write now as secretary of the mission.

Very sincerely yours,

Thos Snell Smith

Todai Kanal, Feb. 12, 95

Kodaikanal , Pulney Hills, April 3rd, 1895

To Dr. Barton For. Sec A.B.C.F.M.

My dear brother,

I was unable to get a letter written last week through the pressure of other correspondance but this week will doubtless answer quite as well. I wish to lay before you and through you before the Prud. Committee certain facts concerning the allowance for our children who are still with us. I think that you will remember that when I first wrote suggesting the desirability of our daughter Mary coming out to the help of her mother the doctors believed that she had but a few months longer to live and doubted the wisdom of even attempting to take her to America but insisted that she should be relieved of the care and especially the teaching of the children. As we could not send the children home it seemed to me that the best plan might be for Mary to come out provided she had already graduated and was well enough to come. I did not ask for Mary's appointment as an assistant missionary as I felt sure she would not be willing to accept such an appointment and that even if she were it might not be right to ask for it when the main object of her coming would be to nurse her mother and teacher the little ones. I did not however feel sure that it would be best for her to come and as soon as your first letter and that of bro. R. Hume came announcing the decision that she should not come but authorizing the employment of a nurse &c I at once replied expressig

my hearty acquiesence in that decision and thankfully informing you that Mrs. Smith had improved so much that it would not be necessay to hire a nurse. Meanwhile through my daughter's persistent efforts, prompted I am sure by a unselfish desire to come to our help at whatever personal sacrifice to herself, the original decision of the P.C. had been reversed and she had received permission to come out to us at the expense of the Board but with the understanding that she was to have no allowance whatever. There was no chance for referring the matter again to me or I should at once have said that our allowance would not meet the expense of a permanent assignment of another adult in the family with the necessity still upon us of saving something to send home to the other two daughters there. Our daughters coming seemed providential for her help proved very timely. She was able at once to relieve us of the teaching of the children, to take an English class in the sunday sch, to take the labering oar in all preparations for the christmas festivities of the hundreds of children in our schools besides taking one of the daily recitations in English in the Training School. Moreover her Tamil at once came back to her so that she understands nearly all that was said to her and could follow even the native pastor's sermons, and before the end of the year she could direct the servants in Tamil that was intelligible even tho not always correct. With such efficient help Mrs. Smith continued to gain and was soon able to go out at least once a week to meetings in the villages with the Bible women.

This improvement still continues and we came over here because Dr. Scott felt that Mrs. S. should avoid the hot season in Jaffna andthat another three months on the hills would do much to complete the cure. Moreover if we are to keep the younger children with us two or three years longer we must give them a change to the hills every year if it can possibly be managed.If Mary were not with us we should certainly have to take the children home as Abbie is nearly 13 and Alla and Bertie will be 11 and 10 years old next month and as we came out 24 years ago and have had only 18 months in America in these 24 years we are fully entitled to another furlough. We have no wish however to go for three years longer if we can safely stay and since the Howlands have had to go it is fortunate indeed that we can hold on.If our daughter had staid at home she could have been earning a good salary and we could have sent the children or at least Abbie to her and we should have been receiving $120 more annually for each child sent home than we are allowed for them out here.e.i. by keeping the children out here we are actually saving the Board $360 annually on their account for we are receiving only $13o annually for each of them while the Hastings are receiving $250 annually for each of their little girls the older of whom is only as old as the youngest of ourslf we were saving this money to the Board without getting into debt ourselves I would ask for no relief but our allowances are not adequate to the support of a third adult in the family

I do not overlook the fact that our daughter's expenses out were paid; but I would ask that $60 rupees annually of the $360 saved by the keeping of the children out here be reserved for Marys expenses out and home again and that the remaining $300 annually be allowed to us in view of the expense incurred by us in providing a tutor for the three children and thus making it possible for us to keep them with us. With such an allowance I think we can meet the cost of feeding and clothing Mary without getting into debt but otherwise I dont see how we can do it. Mary might ask for appointment as a missionary as she is really doing about as much missionary work directly and through the relief afforded Mrs. S. as the average young lady missionary; but she feels still that she has no evident personal call to missionary work, and that, tho glad to render all the help she can, she would prefer to feel free to devote herself cheerly to the teaching of the sister and brothers. The Mission have repeatedly approved of this request and Mr. Hastings as mission threasurer has written about the matter. Dr. Howland will also tell you of the undoubted need of this assistance. It is mail time and I must close with an earnest request that this petition for relief may not be lightly denied.

Very sincerely yours,

Thos. Scull Smith

J. L. B.
Rec'd 1-17-96
Ans'd

Tillipally Jaffna Ceylon Aug.20th,'

To
Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I owe you an humble apology for the long delay in acknowledging you kind, and, I need not assure you, very welcome letter of 22nd May announcing the generous special grant by the Prudential Committee of $300 on account of the expense incurred in supporting our daughter Mary, the relief and assistance her presence and help affords to her mother and myself, and the work she is herself doing in the day and sunday schools. I can hardly tell you what a relief and encouragement this grant is to us all, in helping us out of our financial straits, and enabling us to get through the year without inevitably getting badly into debt. Mary will, I think, add her own words of grateful thanks to you, and through you to the Prudential Committee, for their timely generosity. I am glad to say that Mary's health continues to improve from month to month. She is also, ins spite of being unable to take time for the study of Tamil, steadily gaining facility in the colloquial use of the language; and she understands the greater part of what she hears including the sermons of the native pastor. The children are improving steadily under her instruction. Bertie, the youngest, aged 10 on the 15 of last May, has been reading Caesar for some weeks, and the others, tho not as forward in Latin, are doing well in the English branches, in singing and in instrumental music,

Abbie, who will be 13 on the 29th of this month, was so poorly for some months last year and before we went to the hills this year, that if we had known of a suitable home for her, we should have felt it our duty to send her home with the Howlands, has been so much better since our trip to Kodaikanal that we hope to keep her with us till next March at least. Meanwhile she has been offerred an ideal home with a cousin of Mrs. Smith at Jacksonville Ill., so that if it should seem wiser to send her home next spring we shall be able to do so with the assurance that she will be in the best possible place for such a child when she reaches the end of the long journey. This year's trip to the hills did even more for my wife's improvement in health than did last years longer stay. Not that we staid too long last year for her good, but that from the first she was in better trim this year, and so able to reap immediate and continuous benefit from the change. I have never kept up my vigor and power to sleep well after returning from the hills so well as this year. I attribute this partly to the fact that for the first time only a year elapsed between the two hill trips, and partly, perhaps I should say chiefly, to the fact that I have never kept up physical exercise so regularly and abundantly after returning to the plains as this year. A set of tennis before 7 a.m. and a walk to a school or a private house or on some errand for the Industrial School or even now and then a few more games with the young people after 5 p.m., or a tramp home of one or two or even three miles from an evening evangelistic service in some school-house on a brilliant moonlight night, I find does wonders for my digestion and circulation and sleeping power; so that I never have felt better than during the three

months have passed since our return to Jaffna.

I have preached in Tamil every sunday since I left Kodai at one or another of the 8 churches connected with the 4 stations of which I have charge; and I hope to keep on doing so through the rest of the year. I have also a ministers' meeting for my 8 pastors and four catechists for two hours early Monday morning at which I translate to them a chapter of Stearns "Present Day Theology", rendering it to them off hand in Tamil, and I hardly know whether they or I enjoy the meeting more or find it the more stimulating and helpful. I am also dictating an offhand translation of selections from the same book to the senior class in the Training School after hearing their recitations four times weekly in the Tamil translation of the Eng. Tract Society's "Companion to the Bible", which is a brief Manual of Christian Evidences and Introduction to the old and New Testaments. I also meet the whole school for half an hour of devotional exercises just at the close of the morning session four days in each week. The other two days are Industrial days when from 5.3o to 8.30 a.m. all the boys are required to take the three hours of practical training in some Industry which constitute the required service of the Industrial School, in return for 100 days of which in each year, the Government gives its annual capitation grant of ten rupees for each boy who has filled his tale of days and passed the annual inspection in Industrial attainment. The boarders in the combined institution now number about 55, all but five or six of them from hea-

then homes; and yet, no less than of them are already communicants, and most of the rest seem to have made up their minds to become christians, and many of them have already asked to be baptized and are only kept back till their christian schoolmates, the teachers, and the pastor are satisfied with the evidence given of a real change of purpose in life

If I could only get the time for more of personal contact with these boys who are to be the future teachers of the thousands of children in our nearly 140 village day-schools I feel that I might do much more in determining their life choice aright, and in moulding their characters to worthy ideals. The Batticotta missionary with his one station has two American and seven or eight native assistants to help him in training his 170 odd boarders, and surely I, with my four stations ought to have one foreign assistant in training my 60 boarders, and in managing the many departments of a normal and industrial institution.

I have no time to go into this matter at length in this private or individual letter, but I have brought the matter before my colleagues and hope soon write you as secretary of the Mission laying before you our views as as to what is desirable in the way of provision for this school before I have to take my next furlough, (the second only it will be in more than than 25 years,) to America. Meanwhile, with renewed thanks to yourself and to the P.C. for all your kindness, and with kind regards in which my wife and daughter heartily join, I am,

very sincerely yours,

Thos. Hall Smith

Presbyterian Aug. 29, 1895

Tillipally Aug. 26th, 1895.

To Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have much pleasure in sending you herewith our estimates for 1896 .I have tried to follow the directions for the use of the new blank forms but in using them for the first time I may have fallen into some mistakes or misunderstandings of the directions. I trust however that the estimates as made out will be intelligible. We all hope the amounts asked for will not be deemed unreasonable. They are well within the amount mentioned in the only letter received from you referring to the matter, tho a little above the amount appropriated for this year by us at the beginning of the year, which was only Rs. 8410 for general work, a summ which I fear we must exceed a little in the actual expenditure of the year. Our estimate for 1895 however were no less than Rs.10618 for general work, or more than 2000 rupees more than we are asking for ordinary appropriations for general work for 1896. The item for salaries of course is variable and is not within our control. We trust that in view of the large reduction in our estimates that they will not only be granted in full but that all our contingent requests will be approved and granted. We really ought to have included the rs.300 asked for native agency (for new men or slight increments to old men) in our ordinary estimates, for our present staff is decidedly weak and in all probability w

we shall have to add one or two new men to it as soon as the right men can be found.

The Rs. 500 asked for aid in building new village churches is very greatly needed. There is no more important work than this developement of village churches with young pastors of their own. The greater part of the cost of the new church buildings will always be met by the infant church but a small grant-in-aid from the mission makes all the difference between success or failure or at least saves years of delay in the developement of the new colony. This aid will be the more necessary if we are to adhere strictly to the rule that no new church shall be organized till it can support its pastor alone or with the help of the parent church without any help from the mission treasury. Immediate assistance to a new colony from the parent church is almost an impossibility, because the very act of colonizing is crippling, for a time, to the resources of the mother church, and, unless the mission can step in with a temporary grant in aid to the new bantling, the birth of new churches will I fear be inevitably delayed, and the growth of our churches as a body in self propogating power will be hindered. I will however recur to this subject at another time.

The request for five hundred rupees for the new depository requires a word of explanation. When we transfered the building and premises of the old depository at Manippai to the Medical Department it was thought that the missionary's study at Tillipally

could be spared for the depository and could be refitted for that use at the cost of 500 rupees and Dr. Scott agreed to the appropriation to that object of Rs.500 from the new building fund of the "General Medical Mission" raised by the Misses Leitch. This was before the coming of Miss Mary Smith made it imperative that I shld have a separate study. It is simply impossible for the old study to take in the depository and still accommodate the missionary with a comfortable study. In order to this another inner room must be added to the building and the corner verandah rooms enlarged. To do this will certainly cost 1000 rupees and I asked Dr. Scott to agree to the taking of another 500 rupees from the Medical building fund for this object as it would be impossible to provide an equivalent for the old building at less than that sum. Dr. Scott however insists that the old building is worth no more than 500 rupees to him, and utterly refuses to agree to the appropriation of another rupees from the medical building fund to this object. We hesitate to over-ride his objection in the matter, as no doubt he will find good use for all of the med. building fund in the erection of the new buildings which he is planning; but we do need another 500 rupees for providing for the depository at Tillipally and therefore we ask it from the Prudential Committee. If it can be approved as a contingent grant I think the sum can in some way be secured without impairing the ordinary income of the Board, tho as an individual I must confess that I still feel that in equity it ought to come from the Med. building grant, in

view of the unquestionable fact that the land and buildings transferred by the mission from other uses to that of the Med.Dept. are worth at least 5000 rupees. If however, in view of the feelings of Dr. Scott in the matter, and the probability that his own building fund is none too large for the buildings which the Med. Dept. needs, the Prudential Committee can see its way to this appropriation we shall be grateful for the grant.

You will observe that the estimate for the Training School has been increased from 500 to 600 rupees. In point of fact nearly every year the net cost of the school to the mission has not been less than the latter sum. It is the smallest sum with which I can undertake to get along. The gross cost of the school with its nearly 60 boarders, (including the Ind. Dept. which always helps the general income of the school,) is not less than 7000; and of this sum it does not seem unreasonable that the Mission should pay 600 rupees. Twenty years ago with from 25 to 30 boarders it used to cost the mission 1000 rupees per year. We cannot reduce materially the size of the school and still avail ourselves of the government provisions or rules for aiding training schools and our staff of teachers is the most poorly paid and hardly worked of all the staffs of similar institutions in Jaffna and we simply cannot get along without at least 600 rupees annually from the mission.

Believing these statements in explanation of the estimates are all that are necessary I will add no more.

I am sincerely yours,

Thos Scott Smith
Secretary.

Estimate 1894
Rec'd Feb. 21.

Colombo - 29th August 1895

Dear Dr. Barton;

I have come down hither to attend a sunday school Convention for the whole of Ceylon. It was arranged for by the lamented Dr. Phillips the late secretary of the Indian S. S. Union and I was asked to read a paper. I did not think of attending in person till the death of Dr. Phillips in June seemed to make it the duty of all interested in the work for which he gave his life to rally in every possible way to the support of the acting Secretary Rev. Mr. MacDonald of Calcutta who has been appointed Dr. Phillips temporary successor and at the earnest request of the secretary of the S. S. Union for Ceylon Rev. Mr Corbett of the Wesleyan Mission and with the hearty approval of my colleagues Hastings and Scott I came down from Jaffna Tuesday at 5 p.m. and landing here at 7 a.m. Thursday. I am the guest of my dear friends the Fergusons. Mr. J. F. being the editor and chief proprietor of the Ceylon Daily Observer.

I am writing this to send with the annual letters of three of the pastors under my care. Each of them at my suggestion has prefaced his first letter to you with

a few words of personal introduction to which I will add a little more. Pastor Christmas of the Udipally Church is the oldest but three of our native pastors Stickney of Udipally Rice of Batticotta, Bryant of Chavagacherry and in point of service the not in years of life Hunt of Chavagacherry. Mr. Christmas is a good preacher only Hunt and Stickney being his superiors in that respect He lacks the rare efficiency of Hunt but is a good faithful hard working man and his wife is fully worthy of him by all odds the best of all the ~~pastors~~ wives of the older group of pastors. Their children are very clever rather bumptious as you have seen in young Samuel, or Ratnam as he foolishly calls himself in America but all earnest and active Christians. Mr. Christmas wrote his letter in English but his hand is so shaky from the effect of a life long tobacco habit that he got my writer to copy it for him.

Pastor Isaac Paul of Ev. South Ch a catechist from Odeville sends you his own letter in his own hand. He is one of the best of our young men in the ministry naturally self-conceited to a degree he has softened and improved under the gracious influence of his good wife till he is becoming one of the most valuable and lovable of our young pastors. His wife Elizabeth Hensington is the eldest daughter of Rev. H. L. Hensington formerly pastor of the Odeville Church then missionary to Singapore under the Am. Meth. Mission at that place and now in charge

of the North Estaly Church since its late pastor Rev. Wm Joseph was called to teach bible lessons in the Jaffna College at Batticotta on the departure of the Hotlands to America last March. I hope to send you a letter from him soon. Elizabeth after graduating at Odiville Seminary & teaching there for a time accepted an invitation to teach in the Wesleyan Mission Boarding School at Ballicalow on the East Coast some 200 miles or some from home and served there with great credit for a year the first instance of a young unmarried Tamil "girl graduate" going out of Jaffna for such service. She learned to play on the melodeon under my wife's teaching while at Odiville and on getting married just before her husbands ordination they got me to let them have a baby organ in a case built in the Bord. School for 60 rupees and paid for it in monthly instalments of 5 rupees out of a total salary of 20 rupees throughout the first year of married life. Mrs. Paul leads the singing & accompanies herself on her baby organ in her husbands services. She keeps up her practice and comes to my wife now and then for a little coaching in a new tune or voluntary. She plays the native airs as well as Western music on her baby organ. I wish I could take you to their home & their sabbath services. They are just

beginning a little church building have worshipped in an open school bungalow there for. Each member is giving a month's income or more to this. A wealthy Native Christian in Colombo promised them 100 rupees but died before paying it. They have not asked any help from the Mission but it will be hard work I fear for them to finish the enterprise without a little assistance and even $50 would go a great ways.

The other letter is from the last accession to our native pastorate Rev Daniel Valupilla. He does not know English enough to write comfortably in English but my writer has put his Tamil into possible English dress. Mr. V. is one of the ablest and most promising of all our native pastors. I remember him as the brightest boy in the village school at Atchuvely a little shaver when we were at Udupitty 22 years ago. Then he led his class all through his course in the Boarding School and after teaching very successfully for two years in the village school at Tindumanar near his native place he was called to a vacancy on the staff of the Boarding School soon after I took charge of it in 1878. He was an excellent teacher & five years experience in teaching the "Harmony of the Gospels" "Church History", "Abstract of Theology" all in the vernacular gave him a very fair training for the ministry

He was very reluctant to give up the education for the congregation work but he had made gifts and the work such needs that he yielded reluctantly to my earnest persuasion and agreed to try it for a year or two. After a year as colleague & school inspector at Tellipally meanwhile reading Homilies and Sum Evidences with me he consented to go to Pandiloipo whence Pastor Eliatamby had just been called to Odiville to look after matters in my stead till that church were very sore over the loss of their beloved pastor could make up their minds to call some one else in his place. Much to my delight within a year the church was unanimously desirous to have Pand Valupillai ordained over them and even more to my joy he had seemed like after a very clear and satisfactory deepening of his own religious experience given himself heartily to the work of the ministry and was ready gladly yet humbly to respond to their call.

I hope I do not weary you with my prolixity in thus minutely introducing you to my special native colleagues in carry for the Christians I want you to feel acquainted with them for I am sure it will help them in their work to feel that they are not utter strangers to you. Why cant you come home from Japan via Jaffna & India and so round out in some measure your

personal knowledge of the missions of which you are to have charge. If you could come and buy me at least of your colleagues on the Deputation with you you would have a very hearty welcome and I am sure the knowledge gained would often be of very practical use to you. If you come pray come prepared to give some time to each of the three missions in Burma & India. Dr Bradford is an old sem. friend

Now I must stop to catch the mail

Faithfully yours

Thos Smith,

Colombo, Aug. 29, 1895.
Rec'd Sept. 21.

Tillipally Jaffna Sept.10th,1895

To Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am glad to send you a letter from another pastor of a church under my care. Alavetty Church was, I think, the second village church organized in our mission and it must have been organized fully 30 years since. Its first native pastor Welch was the senior, save Cornelius, of all our native pastors. Cornelius, ordained over the Karadive Church during the visit of the deputation, soon proved unworthy. Welch was worthy and faithful but very conservative and slow and the church never made much growth under him nor much more under his temporary successors, Charles and Moses, neither of whom were ordained to the pastorate. The church is the only one of all our churches which has had the doubtful blessing of a small fund. Fully half the principal has been lost by unwise investments and it now yeilds only about five rupees per month. There are two or three very lifeless and crooked sticks in the membership who are a sad hindrance to the proper growth of the church, but I trust that Anketel may have wisdom and grace to get along even with them, and he is already building up his own proper constituency of active young christian men and women and is developing new life and vigor in the schools and has started an English school. This is one of the churches with a more than average per-

I have no letter to forward till dr. sends a brief letter to henry & his fields faithfully yours A. D. Smith

centage of independent members i.e. members who are quite independent of even indirect mission aid . By indirect aid I mean salary from the govt. grant in aid to the mission for schools. These independent members are employees in govt. offices, or on estates or in trade or private farmers &c. It is always harder to get the proper church tithe from such people and if all of them in this church would really give in to the church treasury the tenth of all their income the ch. would be easily self-supporting They are giving now with the help of their fund all but 6 rupees of the acting pastor's salary and that six rupees is to be made up to them this year from the mother church at Odooville. I want to bring them up to the point of entire self support by the beginning of next year and I hope that we may be able to effect it. The lay member Cornelius to whose death the pastor alludes was a man of rare liberality for a Tamil. Coming home on sick leave from employment as a civil engineer at the Straits Settlement, he voluntarily undertook the reconstruction of the church building and made it the one work of his convalesence for more than six months besides giving over 300 rupees of the 400 and over spent from his own savings on the work. His sudden death from rheumatism of the heart near the end of last year was a great loss to the church and a grief to us all. Pastor Anketel's father was the most spiritually minded of all our older pastors. The son was refused admission to one of our theological classes from prejudice on acct of one of our missionary brethren but the Mission allowed me to take him up as a catechist and my wife and I gave him his theological training and he is developing into an excellent pastor and evangelist. I believe now I have introduced you to

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all but one of this pastor's eight elders directly under my immediate charge. Pastor Hunt has very likely written

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Tillipally Dec.8th,1895.

Rev. J. Barton D.D. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton,

At the regular quarterly meeting of the mission held here at Tillipally on the 8th of November my colleagues voted not to approve of that portion of my letter transmitting the estimates for 1896 which states the reasons for our request for a special appropriation for providing suitable accommodations for the Depository at Tillipally. They feel, I think, that I reflected on Dr. Scott and failed to state distinctly that the majority of the Mission viz Mr. Hastings and Dr. Scott felt that 500 rupees was all that ought to be taken from the Medical Building fund towards providing for the Depository in its new home at Tillipally. I can only add that I regret to have incurred the censure of my brethren and that I did not intend to be unfair to Dr. Scott in my presentation of the case. I wrote under the impression that Mr. Hastings like myself deferred to the feelings of Dr. Scott rather than to his own sense of the merits of the case in voting to take no more than 500 rupees from the Med. Building Fund for that purpose. It seems that I was mistaken. I presume that Dr. Scott has written you fully of his views in regard to the matter and I will not undertake to speak for him. No action of importance was taken at the meeting referred to aside from the decision that we do not feel prepared as yet to insist on entire

not feel prepared to insist on entire self support as a condition sine qua non for the organization of a new village church, but that when a church is able to colonize without impairing its own self-supporting status we will give a grant in aid to the new church of five rupees per month provided the total salary of its pastor be not more than thirty rupees, and with the distinct understanding that this aid is to be reduced and withdrawn as rapidly as possible.

Your brief note from Japan filled us with eager anticipations of an early visit from you but the non arrival of any cablegram to date leads us to fear that you are not coming after all. We are looking forward with much interest to the speedy arrival of Messrs Mott and Wilder and hope that their visit may result in much good.

All the members of the mission are in usual health.

Hoping that you may receive this soon after reaching home if indeed it does not anticipate your own arrival, I am,

faithfully yours,

F. W. Lund Smith.

Secretary.

Original Dec. 8, '95

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Tillipally Jaffna Feb.20th 1896.

To Rev.J.L.Barton D.D.Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter of the 7th of Jan. reached me a few days since. The letter from Dr. Smith announcing the appropriations for 1896 reached us on the very day of our annual meeting, when, after auditing the treasurer's accounts for 1895 we were about to vote to pay salaries for January according to the appropriations for 1895, in the absence of any instructions for the new year, altho it was already the 23rd of January.

I need not dwell on the difficulty of the problem which we had to face for that must be the burden of many letters coming to you in these days from younger missions where the results of these cruel reductions must be even more disastrous than here.

We regret the necessity for reducing our own allowances the more because we were already spending our tithes chiefly in piecing out the all too scanty appropriations of the Board to its work in this field, by helping our village churches to build their own meeting houses, providing houses for christian teachers, aiding weak village schools &c &c; but we are ready to bear our personal share of the burden which the debt has laid upon the Board even tho it means for this year a double tithe or the proper salary for the year.

We do not understand why the appropriation for the general work was made in dollars when the rule always has been that missionaries salaries only should be granted in dollars and all other appropriations in rupees. Dr. Smith's letter did not intimate at all how many rupees the $1093 were expected to yield, while the steady appreciation of the rupee makes it certain that $1093 will yield many less rupees this year than was anticipated by the Prudential Committee when they fixed this limit for the general work of the Board in this mission this year. After careful consideration we decided first to reduce the appropriation to the Training School from 600 to 500 rupees: then, taking up the miscellaneous items we determined to make every effort to effect the following reductions. I put it in this way because it is impossible to guarantee final success in carrying out every one of our votes. We are sure that every cent asked for under these heads was really needed or could have been well spent; but, for this year, we attempt to get along with the following reduced appropriations viz--

For travelling from rs.400 to rs. 250
for general repairs, other than missionaries houses from rs.300 to 200
for publications from rs.200 to rs. 100 tho we really needed more than usual this year as we are to print our report;
for postage from 100 to rs. 50 a sum which I fear we must exceed;
for Mission Library from 50 to 25 tho we must return to 50 next year;
for stationery we decided to vote nothing leaving each man to buy his own paper as needed with his own money; while for contingent we cannot reduce at all the 50 rupees asked for. These items foot up rs. 675 a reduction of 475 on the rs.1150 of our estimates and I believe a still larger reduction on our actual expenditures under these heads in 1895.

~~the salary of the station catechist making a saving of rs.~~ 2

In taking up the remaining and by far the most difficult part of our problem, the reducing of our expenditure for native agency, we decided in the first place to effect every possible transfer to other sources of support as a temporary arrangement at least e.g. the Medical Department, the College, the Board of Education; then to transfer as much as possible of the salaries of pastors and catechists to the local churches or congregations of which they have charge; and finally to make such actual reductions as could in any way be attempted in the salaries of a few of our older or less valuable catechists who could be most easily spared or who had grown up children in profitable secular employment to support them in the event of actual need; and then to report the result to the Prudential Committee even though the sum thus appropriated would inevitably exceed the limit of $1093 and defer till the 1st of July the disastrous step of such actual dismissal of valuable and absolutely needful agents as must be made if we are finally compelled to bring our expenditure for the general work of the Board for the year down to $1093.

The reductions effected under these three heads are as follows.

The medical catechist at Valvettyturai near Udupitty to be removed to Manippai to take charge for the present of the outstation at Anicotta and also act as an assistant in the Medical Department on dispensary days, to be paid in part by the Medical Dept. and in part by the local congregation at Anicotta where a little church and pas

parsonage are now building without expense to the Mission.

This will save 204 rupees; Mr. Gnanamuttu the colporteur at Batticotta to be transferred to the local Bible Society thus saving 144 rs.

The Treasurer's writer and accountant receives 22 rupees per month and of this we propose to charge five rupees each per month to the Board of Education and the Jaffna College in view of the services rendered by the Mission Treasury to those bodies in caring for their funds making temporary advances for salaries of teachers &c &c thus saving 120 rupees or 468 rupees in all in this class of transfers.

The transfers to churches and out-station congregations are as follows Navaly Church last year failed to acchieve self support by 60 rupees. This grant in aid we withdraw this year: Alavetty Church received 36 rupees last year and Erlarly South Church 24 both of these grants we withdraw. The grant to Moolai church of 120 rupees we reduce to 60 rupees. At Varany also where a separate church was organized only last September we reduce the grant in aid from 10 to 5 five rupees per month making another reduction of 60 rupees for the year.

At Santillipai near Manippai, and at Nunavil and Usan in the Chavagacherry field where there are local congregations in charge of licensed preachers and church buildings nearly finished at the two former and just beginning at the latter place, we make the same reduction from 10 to 5 rs of monthly aid thus saving 180 rupees more, while at Udupitty we ask the local ch. to contribute rs. 2 per month towards the salary of rs. 2

towards the salary of the catechist at that station thus saving 24 rup more or a total of rs.444 on this score of transfers to local churches and congregations. The third class of reductions yielded rs.228 gained by reducing the wages of eight of our older and less valuable men from one to three rupees each. The total of reduction in appropriations for general work thus effected is rs.1715. Beyond this we cannot go without distrous dismissals of faithful and valuable assistants and to this we are very reluctant to resort. We have voted therefore to report these appropriations to the Prudential Committee with our yrgent prayer that they may be nontent with this measure of reduction and relieve us of the cruel necessity of attempting anything more this year. If however there is no amendment in the financial situation and we are informed that we must reduce still farther we can make such dismissals as may be ordered at the middle of the year.

I regret that I have been much delayed in completing this letter. Meanwhile Mr Barnabas of the island of Karadive the catechist whose wages we had reduced from 15 to 12 rupees has died and this sad event relieves the treasury to the extent of 120 rupees for the rest of the year. The churches I am glad to say have adjusted them selves without murmuring to their increased responsibilities, tho not of course without a painful crippling temporarily of their resources for providing greatly needed church buildings furniture &c &c. No other business of importance was transacted at our meeting at Udupitty in January beyond the acceptance of the auditors'

report on the Treasurer's accounts, the form of electing officers for the new year which of course is rather farcical when the membership of the Mission is only three ordained men and the granting of permission to Messrs Hastings and Scott and their families and to Miss Myers, to spend the months of March and April at Kodaikanal on the Pulney Hills.

A brief special meeting of the Mission was held at Manippai on the 20th of February at which I had the pleasure of announcing a grant of $300 from the American Bible Society to the Mission and proposing the granting of a good reference bible to each village school which has a separate sunday school connected with it The resignation of Mrs. Page the widow of a former headmaster of Odooville Seminary was presented she having been a teacher in the school for more than 30 years and a young certificated graduate of the Training Department of the same school was appointed in her place. Just as we were about to adjourn the death of the venerable Mr Arnold for many years the native editor of the Morning Star and the munshi or pundit under whose training Dr. Howland, Mr Hastings, Miss Howland and others acquired their knowledge of Tamil was announced; and we expressed our preference among the candidates for the vacancy thus created in the editorial staff of the "Morning Star". I regret to say that Mr Cooke a son-in-law of the late Mr Nathan Strong and Dr. Samuel Strong, Modliar, Mr Strong's eldest son, who practically represent the ex-

tinct firm of Strong and Asbury who are co-proprietors with the Mission in the Star, do not agree with us in our preference for the new native editor of the Star, and, as they take the entire financial responsibility for the conduct of the paper, we may not be able to secure the employment of the man whom we prefer. One of Mr Arnold's sons has been acting for him for some months and we shall defer any decisive action until the return of Dr. Howland as he is likely to resume the editorship of the Star, if we decide to continue our connection with it as a mission. We have long been disatisfied with the vernacular part of the Star and for this reason desired the appointment of a man on whom we could depend to give it a more decidedly christian tone.

We are very glad to hear that Dr. and Mrs. Howland are not to remain indefinitely in America, tho we feel that it would have been better for them to have spent the summer in some invigorating mountain region and then have returned to Jaffna in the autumn so as to have been sure of cool weather in the Red Sea and to have reached Jaffna just at the beginning of our cooler season from Oct to Feb.

The Hastings and the Scotts, Miss Myers, Mr. Best and Dr. (Miss) G Grieve have all gone to Kodaikanal on the Pulney Hills. After trying vain to get one of the British India steamers to call for them enroute from Colombo to Madras, they chartered a little native brig of only 28 tons for 60 rupees, and, embarking at Kangysan-

sonturai at 3.30 p.m. landed at Negapatam at 5 p.m. the following day. They were very fortunate in getting through the customs that very evening and getting off for the hills by the midnight train from Negapatam. They were equally fortunate in the journey by bullock transit carts to the foot of the ghaut and in the ascent itself so that they all got up on Saturday in less than three days from Jaffna. We shall not go up to Kodai till June if indeed we go at all this year. Mrs Smiths two brothers and their families as well as her father are to be at Kodai till the middle of June and I want to have her at least get over at least for a few days with them before they reuturn to their own field and Dr. Fairbank has kindly offered us his house after they are through with it so that I may take my family over in June, and after seeing them well established return to Jaffna myself and go over after them three months later but we shall not decide till we see how we all get through the trying heated season ~~now upon us~~ actually beginning. I am finishing this letter at our seaside bungalo near Udupitty whither we have come for a few days of seabathing. I trust you will pardon the long delay in getting this letter off. The Hitchcocks and ourselves, who alone are now left in Jaffna, are all well and the other members of the mission will no doubt report themselves to you from Kodaikanal.

Hoping soon to hear of the renewed prosperity of our beloved Board and praying for God's blessing upon all the efforts making for its relief, I am, faithfully yours, Thos. Snell Smith

Sec. A.C.M.

Tillipally Feb. 20, 1900.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 6-5-96
Ans'd 9-24

Tillipally Jaffna April 17th, 1896

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

You letter of the 16th of March reached me this morning. A postal card from Miss Leitch received almost two weeks since brought us our first tidings of the lifting of the debt and recent papers have told us the glad news in some detail, but your official announcement of the fact was none the less welcome for that, and we rejoice with you in the relief and thanksgiving ~~which~~ which all the friends of the Board must share at the happy consumation of the effort to rid the Board of its crippling burden.

I do hope that the effort to add permanently to the current income of the Board will be equally successful. Without such an addition I dont see how the Board is to keep out of debt without transfering some of its missions to other societies. I hope too that if the Board ever again receives huge legacies like those of Otis and Swett that some provision will be made in the shape of an emergency fund to be drawn upon to meet any threatened deficiency below a fixed safe minimum in the current income from legacies, such drafts to be replaced whenever the current income from legacies exceeds a fixed safe maximum amount. It seems to me too that such legacies when not tied to particular ends by the terms of the bequest might be more wisely and safely used in

securing permanent relief to the current budget by endowing educational institutions in the various mission fields, thus enabling the Board to take up important new work with the reasonable expectation that the current income would permanently provide for its maintenance without a violent strain as soon as the new legacy was used up. I fear it may seem sound absurdly presumptious for a poor missionary in little Jaffna to express his opinion on such matters, but we cant help thinking about them and the mere expression of the thought made in humble deference to the superior wisdom and knowledge of the central authorities can do no harm. I do hope that if the current appropriations in Ceylon are to be reduced the reduction may take the form of transfer of the educational work to permanent endowments, as in the case of the Udupitty Girls' Boarding School, which will I suppose be supported hence-forth by the interest of the Douglass legacy to the Womans Board for the benefit of that school. I trust that the Training School may in due time be similarly provided for, and if we had a similar endowment for the promotion of village vernacular education it would be most helpful in improving the christian character and evangelistic value of our village schools. The College and Odoville Female Seminary were already provided for in this way, tho they have now lost fully half their endowments through the second failure of the Oriental Bank in 1894 and will I fear have hard times until those losses are in some way made good. The local churches will soon take care of the pastorate but the building up and housing of new churches and the

and the conduct of efficient evangelistic effort in behalf of the hea-
then masses will still require Mission expenditure for some years to
come

May 2nd.

I regret the delay in completing and dispatching this letter. I have been waiting to get the completed statisties which ought to have been dispatched in February. Two of our churches, the largest of them all, that at Odooville and that at Battiscotta, were very late in getting in their returns, and it is scarcely ten days since I got the report of the latter church. The treasurer of the former and the pastor of the latter church were away from Jaffna during the months of Nov. and December and hence the delay, tho I cannot feel that the excuse is an adequate one. I have much pleasure in enclosing the statistical return now and I trust it will be found satisfactory.

Meanwhile we have heard from the Misses Leitch that they have secured special gifts for the restoration of the reduction in our appropriations and we hope that this will at least induce the P.C. to accepto our appropriations as reported in my previous letter, and, if, in addition to this, our own allowances can be restored enough be sent us for the general work to enable us to take up one or two very promising young evangelists and give a small grant in aid to two or the young churches which have been crippled in the important work of housing themselves and their pastors by the forced sale of their wards support which the reductions compelled us to exact from them, we

shall be quite content with this measure of assistance and will gladly relinquish to other objects any thing in excess of this which the kindly interest of the Misses Leitch in this mission may have led them to secure.

We are sorely grieved to hear of the dangerous illness of Dr. Howland. As no cable-gram with heavy tidings has come to us we cherish a livel hope that he is already safely convalescent, but I do hope that he will not be allowed to return till well over the effects of the fever. I wrote him repeatedly before, urging him to remain in America through the summer, staying in some invigorating mountain resort and only come back in the autumn when they would be sure of cool weather through the canal and would get here at the best season of the year viz the beginning of our cool season. While the Howlands are greatly needed here, yes, because they are so greatly needed and will have such a burden to assume at once on their return, they ought to come back in as fit a condition as possible and a bare year in America is hardly enough to secure that.

I am happy to announce the safe return this morning of the party from the hills or rather of the Hastings, Miss Myers and Mr. Best. Dr. Scott was still so poorly that other doctors insisted that he must stay a month longer at Kodai and Dr. Grieve is staying on with them.

The intense heat still continues and we are much in need of rain. The hottest season in 15 years it is said, and still we have kept fairly well through it all. Hoping to write you again very soon, I am

faithfully yours,

Thos Scull Wade

Feb. 1st. 1896.

J. L. B.
Rec'd Aug. 20. '96.
Ans'd 5-24

Tillipally Jaffna ,11th July,1896.

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your favor of the 28th of March address ed to Mr. Hastings and announcing the restoration of $500 on our appropriations for the year has been handed over to me as belonging to the secretary rather than to the treasurer of the mission, I have also received your welcome letter of the 7th of May and I ought to have acknowledged it and replied to it some time since.I have been very busy and as I knew I should soon have to report to you another mission meeting I waited for that to transpire.The Scotts returned from India about a fortnight since nd last week Wed. the 8th instant was devoted to our meeting the special business of which was the preparation of our estimates for 1897.In you letter of May 7th you speak of having received the "estimates" of our mission for "1897".You must have mistaken our sadly reduced appropriations for 1896 for our ~~appropriations~~ estimates for 1897. How this could have happened I dont understand for I am positive that the document was correctly headed as "Appropriations for 1896."Our estimates for the next year are never made before our July meeting and I dont understand how you could have supposed that we were sending them nine months in advance of the end of the current year. ~~I do not understand.~~ I trust however that the real estimates for 1897 which I shall send wih

this letter will reach you before your appropriations for 1897 are actually made.

At our meeting on the 8th inst. we made the following restoration of reduced salaries, and other appropriations, a restoration to their former pay of all agents who had been actually reduced at the opening of the year by us. As we should probably have made most of these reductions any way even if our appropriations had not been reduced I for one did not feel that we were bound to restore the former salary in every case but under the circumstances it seemed best on the whole to do so, while at the same time notifying the individuals that they must be prepared for a permanent reduction at the close of the year. In this way we appropriated rs. 178.00 We also restored the appropriation of the Training School from 500 to 600. We reported an over-run of about 80 rupees for this school last year and hoped that it would be allowed but Mr Wiggin replied adversely to that request. This is the first time that such a request in behalf of that school has been refused. Tho the annual appropriation has been rs. 500 I have repeatedly written to Mr Ward and to Dr. Clark that I could never guarantee the sufficiency of that sum; and in fact it has almost always been exceeded by from 100 to 250 rupees. The total cost of the school is not far from 6000 rupees and the grant in aid from the government is so fluctuating that it is practically impossible to say before hand just how large an appropriation from the mission will meet the necessities of each year. The expenditure of such a school cannot be suddenly altered to any great

extent for in accordance with the tacit agreement with the government we have to keep up the usual number of classes and about the usual number of pupils. It was because experience had plainly shown the insufficiency of 500 rupees that we asked for 600 for 1896. I think I shall be able to keep within the 600 for this year, but if the school is saddled with the deficit of last year, a deficit of the same amount is almost inevitable at the close of this year. I trust therefore that you will be able to arrange with Mr. Wiggin not to insist on this item being recharged to the school for this year.

We cannot tell yet what items of our miscellaneous appropriations for this year may be over-run but it seems safe for us to calculate our personal allowances for the first half of the year without deducting ten per cent. If at the close of the year we find that the proceeds of the $ 500 will not suffice for the restoration of the 10/00 reduction for the last half of the year why we will then content ourselves with a smaller restoration or with none at all. Of course four or five hundred rupees of the $500 had to go to meet the excess in our actual appropriations ~~and~~ over the limit of $1093 fixed for us at the beginning of the year.

We send home our estimates for the general work in rupees; and we are of one mind in asking most earnestly that the appropriations may be made in the same currency. The rupee is steadily appreciating and any given number of dollars is almost sure to yield fewer rupees than was anticipated and thus cause a forced tho unintended reduction i

in our resources, which, alas, are sure to be all too small.

We have included in our estimates the half of Dr. Howlands salary and Miss Howland's. You will take note I trust that our estimates for general work are some what less than those we sent you a year ago. We repeat the contingent or extra estimate for 500 rupees for suitable accommodations for the depository at Tillipally and for 500 to aid in the important work of building village churches. The decided advance in self-support which our churches have made both last year and this have taxed their resources severely and makes it all the more necessary that the new and feeble colonies should have a little help in the heavy burden of building their own church edifices.

The reports of diminished contributions in recent Heralds are not very encouraging. Indeed they seem ominous of another debt; but we pray that God may stir his people up to prevent the immediate recurrence of that disgraceful calamity. In dealing with our estimates, please remember that in this mission estimates are pared down to the quick and are never so pitched as to discount a probable reduction. What we ask is after all, such a mere drop in the bucket of your resources as a whole that we can but hope that we may not again be asked to be content with even less than that one drop.

We are very glad to have the Scotts with us again with health so much improved. All the members of the mission, save Miss Myers, are in usual health. She is staggering under a burden far too heavy for her strength. It seems most unfortunate that Miss Howland did not return without waiting for her brother and sister. Tarrying for them is no doubt good for her; but getting on without her is proving very hard for Miss M., who I fear will break down utterly before Miss H. can get here now. Trusting to write again soon I am, faithfully yours

Wm. Ewell Strong

Received July 11, 1896.

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Tillipally Jaffna Ceylon 24-8-96.

Rev. J.L.Barton D.D. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have been remiss in not reporting earlier to you the action of the Mission at two informal or special meetings held since our regular quarterly meeting early in July. The former of these meetings was held at Manippai on the occasion of the ordination of a new pastor over Navaly church on Thursday the 16th of July. By the way I will enclose a cutting from the English page of the "Paliar Nason" or "Childrens Friend", the little weekly paper of the Jaffna Tract Society which it is my privilege to edit, in which I refer to that ordination, tho doubtless Dr. Scott has reported it fully to you.

I will now quote in full the minute of that informal meeting held in Dr. Scotts carriage while we were driving from Manippai to Navaly. Have you another mission that can hold a fully attended business meeting in a carriage enroute to an ordaining council? I fancy not. Well, our vote was, "that in view of the precarious state of Miss Myer's health and the severe strain to which she has been subjected while living all alone at Odooville and sustaining the burden of conducting that large school of more than a hundred boarders during the past four months, and the probability that she will have to continue to meet the strain for the greater part of the coming term, or until Miss Howland arrives in October, we

and on the professional advice of Dr. Scott the mission physician,

we grant her permission to visit Colombo and the hill country of Ceylon during the coming vacation of the school, and that, in view of the unanimous judgment of the mission that in her present state of health it is not safe for Miss Myers to travel alone, that we request Miss Mary Smith to go with her:"

that their actual traveling fares and carriage hire in entering and leaving places at which they may stop be a mission charge but that they themselves meet all other expenses of their journey:

that Miss Myers be allowed to close the school a few days in advance of the usual time in order to a convenient date for starting and be allowed leave of absence from Odooville for four or five weeks, as may be necessary in order to arrange conveniently for her return to Jaffna by land or sea."

In accordance with this vote Miss Myers and Miss Smith started from Chavagacherry on the Friday of the following week by coach for Matale and Kandy enroute to Nuwara Elyia the chief sanitarium of Ceylon, accompanied by our butler Samuel to cater for them at their chief place of sojourn, and equipped with a well packed basket of provisions.

After making pleasant visits with friends in Anarajapura and Kandy they kept house for ten days in the cottage of the Wesleyan missionaries at Nuwara Elyia which had been generously placed at their disposal, and where they greatly benefited by the bracing cold, the beefsteak and

Tillippally, 22 nd July, 1896.

The Ordination at Navaly.

The ordination at Navaly, as pastor of the Church of Christ in that place, of Robert Bryant the son of the venerable pastor of the Church of Christ at Sangany was an event of more than ordinary interest. Mr. Bryant is the third pastor of this church, the first pastor Rev. Francis Asbury being still connected with the church as pastor emeritus in the enjoyment of a small stipend or pension while the second pastor, Rev. S. V. Veragatty, has been called by the Native Evangelical Society to take charge of the church on the islands of Velany and Pungerative. This is the second instance of the ordination of a son of one of the pastors of the churches in the American Mission field— the Congregational churches of Jaffna, the first instance being the ordination of Rev. Frank Anketell the eldest son of the late lamented pastor of the Church of Christ at Tillipally. The candidate having but recently been licensed to preach after a thorough examination in theology and in Church history, was but briefly examined in those subjects, but more severely tested in Church Polity, Pastoral theology and knowledge of the Bible; and then, after an interesting statement of his religious experience and his motives for entering the christian ministry the permanent council which constitutes the ecclesiastical organization of the Congregational churches of Jaffna unanimously voted to proceed to ordain and install him as the pastor of the Navaly church. It was interesting to note how large a share of the ordination service was taken by the native pastors Only two missionaries had any share in it and one of them was but acting as the substitue of a native pastor who had not been able to come to the service. The moderator and secretary of the council are both pastors. The sermon, the ordaining prayer, and the right hand of fellowship were all given to native pastors, and even had no missionaries been present the function would doubtless have transpired almost if not quite as regularly as it did. The presence of Rev and Mrs Restarick of the Tevyan mission as well as that of a number of other representatives of the various Protestant communions in Jaffna was a pleasing feature of the occasion.

The Navaly church has been self-supporting for years. It has a comprehensive membership of all classes in the local community including a large percentage of well educated and prosperous indepnendent christians and if it could but realize the responsibilities and opportunities of its stewardship it might accomplish a great work for good in the region round about

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E English vegetables and, best of all, the absolutely quiet restful life to which they were shut up at this season when Nuwara Elyia is abandoned by society to the wind and the rain. After eight days more in Colombo devoted chiefly to shopping in behalf of their benighted friends in Jaffna they returned by the s.s. Lady Gordon landing at Kahgysontorre just four weeks to a day from the date of their leaving home. Miss Myers seems to have gained great good from the trip and our daughter has gained e-
ven more. Miss Myers we hope will now be able to hold on fairly well until Miss Howland gets here as we hope she may, before the end of October next. I presume Miss Myers has written you of her ill-health. The fainting spells to which she has been subject were the special cause of our reluctance to let her travel alone. I am happy to say that she does not appear to have had even one such an attack during her journey of four weeks

The second special meeting which I have to report was held at Tillipally on the 30th of July immediately after the close of the annual public examination of the Training and Practising School. I had received a letter from Miss Leitch detailing various plans for the young lady doctors whom they hope may reach Jaffna in October or November of this year, plans of which we could not approve for reasons stated in our reply to them, which I will now lay before you in the shape of a comprehensive minute adopted unanimously at the meeting referred to.

In view of a letter from Miss Leitch to the secretary Proposing that the new young lady doctors for the Medical Mission for Wom at Enuvil ~~imm~~ be located at Chavagacherry immediately on their arrival in Jaffna and there be authorized to open at once, but only as a temporary arrangement preparatory to the opening of their permanent work at Enuvil, such medical work as may seem best to them, it was unanimously resolved that the secretary be authorized to write at once to the Misses Leitch frankly and decidedly tho kindly stating our position as follows.

1. that we deem it most important that the young ladies devote their first year to the study of Tamil in accordance with the requirements of the Manual for Missionaries of the American Board.

2. that we deem it unwise to locate them even temporarily at Chavagach ry, where the pressure to engage at once in proffessional work would be almost irresistable, and where, as we have found from past experience, new missionaries are very liable to become lonely and homesick owing to the remoteness of that station from the rest of our mission.

3. that we are unanimous in the opinion that it would be most unwise to reopen a temporary medical work at Chavagacherry, tho we shall be very glad to have a branch dispensary for women and children especially, established there permanently after the work at Enuvil is well in hand, provided the ladies then find that they have the time strength and money to spare for such an enterprise.

4. that even were the buildings at Enuvil quite finished and well dried

and ready for occupancy with entire safety to health immediately on the arrival of the young ladies, we should still feel constrained to object to their living at Enuvil until they had passed their first examination in Tamil, because they would there be under irresistable pressure to engage at once in medical work.

5. that it is most improbable that the buildings at Enuvil will be completed and the walls and floors thoroughly dried and ready for occupancy with entire safety to the health of the young ladies, and their assistants and patients, before June or July 1897.

6. that we believe that the ideal location for the young ladies immediately on their arrival in Jaffna will be at Manippai as boarders with the doctors Scott, where, and where alone, they would be able to devote themselves exclusively to the study of Tamil during the rainy season and the cool months of January and February, since the immediate presence of two other missionary physicians would obviate all need of their engaging in professional labors to the detriment of the regular and thorough pursuit of their Tamil studies, while the close proximity of a dispensary and hospital would afford them sufficient opportunity for profession observation and recreation during their hours of leisure.

7. that on the approach of hot weather in March it would be well for them to proceed to Kodaikanal taking their munshi with them and there continue to devote themselves to the study of Tamil, till, in June or July, they are ready for their first examination and the

buildings at Enuvil have become quite safe for occupancy on their return to Jaffna.

8. that we trust that the Misses Leitch will make no promises to candidates who may apply to them for appointment on the subordinate staff at Enuvil, but will refer all such applications to the mission, with such expression of their own views and preferences as they may deem fit, in order that all appointments may be made by the untrammelled action of the mission, with whom, according to the terms of the transfer of the Med. Miss. for Women to the American Board, the entire responsibility for the wise conduct of the work must ultimately rest.

I have already some two weeks since written to the Misses Leitch enclosing a copy of this minute or resolution and assuring them of our desire to build wisely upon the generous foundation which they are laying, to avoid the mistakes of the past, and develope the new work on wise lines from the very beginning and in harmony with the "General Medical Mission which the doctors Scott are so successfully conducting at Manippai scarcely four miles from Enuvil. I have written them too that we confidently expect that our views in regard to the opening of the new work, and especially in regard to the prime importance of first acquiring the language, will be thoroughly acceptable to them.

As they may be writing to you of the matter and as it is a matter in regard to which we feel that we must speak frankly, we deem it well to let you know just what we have written to them.

We are afraid that the Misses Leitch have become so absorbed in raising funds for the Armenians that the

.ing funds for the Armenians that the various schemes which they have been promoting in Jaffna may be left to suffer for want of a adequate financial support. We rejoice however in the success of their efforts in behalf of the Armenians and I trust that our christians here in Jaffna may yet volunteer to send something from their own scanty resources to the help of the Armenians . We would only have ~~them~~ our generous friends the Misses L. remember the words "These ought ye to have done and not to have left the other undone."

All the members of our mission circle are fairly well. We have had a very dry time . There has been practically no rain since January last. We have had three series of dreadful dust storms lasting for days at a time . The early rains are already due with as yet no signs of their immediate approach. The S.W. monsoon which has brought such desolating floods to Western and Central India, has brought us only interminable clouds of dust, and we long with great longing for the early and the latter rain.

We are watching with great anxiety the monthly financial statement of the treasurer of our beloved board. Can it be that the churches at home will allow it to be again at once overwhelmed with the crippling curse of debt. What sums of money are freely lavished on such pleasurable self indulgences as the huge sacred picnics which celebrate the anniversaries of our benevolent societies, even while the treasuries of those societies are left to suffer from the deadly disease of debt, a sort of spiritual anaemia

which impoverishes the life not only of the society affected by it but also of the work which it was created to accomplish and of the churches which allow its life blood so cruelly to bleed away while they themselves have enough for whatever form of self indulgence may please and attract them most. I know there are multitudes to whom this reproach does not apply, but unless there were far greater multitudes who do deserve it there surely would be no room for the cruel sense of need and wrong that calls it forth. With you the year is ending even now. God grant that we may hear that it ended without a crushing debt and with bright prospects for still better times another year.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am,

faithfully yours,

Thos Snell Smith.

Tillipally, Aug. 24, 1896.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 11-21-96
Ans'd 23

Tillipally Jaffna , 12th Oct. 1896.

Rev. H.L.Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Darton,

Your favor of the 5th of Aug last, addressed to Mr. Hastings was evidently meant for the Mission Secretary and so he passed it on to me. This is the second time at least that he has been addressed by yourself as secretary. I have tried to report faithfully all our mission meetings and all events of importance occurring among us but perhaps I do not sufficiently magnify my office by writing to you a regular monthly letter. However it makes but little difference whether your letters are addressed to one or another of the rather forlorn remnant of three ordained men-who for the past eighteen months have constituted the membership of this mission. It is true that we hope within the week to welcome Dr. Howland back to our midst, as I suppose he landed in Colombo yesterday, but even four men are too small a force when we remember that one must practically give his whole strength to the College and can have but little time for evangelistic or preaching work, tho obliged to take charge of the largest and most populous of all our station-fields. Then too it will be nine years next January since I returned to Jaffna, and tho I mean if possible to stay on till early in 1898 and so round out a second term of 10 years to but beside my first term of nearly 15 years (lacking only four months), still there ought to be a new missionary on the ground learning the language

and ready to occupy this important station as soon as we have to vacate it. When Dr. Howland went home Batticotta was not bereft of foreign missionaries as Mr. and Mrs. Hitchcock and Mr. Best still remained, but alas we have no such colleagues to leave behind us at Tillipally. We were quite anticipating the appointment of Mr. Wallace to come to our help and it is a great disappointment and grief to hear of his appointment elsewhere. Mr. Wallace is greatly beloved in Jaffna: he loves the work here, is well acquainted with the field and people, and he cannot be more needed in the Madura field than he is here in Jaffna. We can but feel that he ought to have been appointed to this mission. I for one had supposed that of course he would be allowed to come here or I should have long since have written most urgently pressing the prior claim of this mission. Would it not be possible even now to change the appointment and send him here?

Since I last wrote you we have had the pleasure of seeing the christians of the village of Nunavil, a village near to Chavagacherry, organized into a separate church of 47 members. On the same occasion the new meeting house in that village was dedicated and in the evening of the same day the pastor elect of the new church was ordained to the ministry and installed as its pastor. ~~I will enclose cuttings from the Morning Star and the Paliar Nason which give some account of the tripple function and tell the story of the genesis of the church.~~ It was an occasion of great interest to me as I have been working for years to

to accomplish the equipment and organization of this new center of christian life and influence. The meeting house and the parsonage are both admirable. The pupils in masonry of the Industrial School went over one vacation and spent three weeks in building up the brick walls of the parsonage: the door and window frames of both church and parsonage were made here in the Indl. Sch. and also the doors and windows for the same ~~& the photographs of both buildings, and of the church members and of the pastor and family were all taken by the photographer of the school and the various record and account books required by the new church and its pastor are all making in our bindery while the new pastor and his wife are both among my most beloved and valued helpers and friends. The ~~new~~ church starts with an unusually large membership for a new church and it is already paying all but five rupees of its pastor's salary which has been fixed at rs. 27.50 with the promise of making it rs. 30 if the money can be raised to that amount before the end of the year. This is the second colony sent out from Chavagacherry Church within 18 months or so, the first being the Varany church. The pastor elect of the Varany church is also a very able and faithful man whose labors God has greatly honored and blessed. The church are heartily united in him and will have none other for their pastor but his ordanation has been deferred by the Ecclesiastical Body because the pastor of the parent ch. and another leading pastor ~~profess themselves~~ are unwilling to welcome this candidate.

Secretary

Rev. C. W. Park writes: Papers been sent to Chavagacherry begins to flow. Great need from the meeting at Jaffna. Stockwell's and faithfully yours Stockwell

into the ministry, and the majority of the body tho having confidence in his worthiness have deferred action from time to time in the hope of securing entire unanimity of action in regard to the case. Meanwhile the church and the candidate are are as heartily united as ever and are showing most exemplary patience under treatment which seems to them most unjust.

The Annual Convocation of our 18 churches was held here at Tillipaly this year on the 8th of October the great day of your own annual meeting at home. I will enclose a program of the meeting. Our church which is not one of the largest was packed full and there must have been five hundred at the earlier and principal session while over 300 communicants stopped to attend the union communion service which constitutes the second session of the Convocation. The special feature of the day was Dr. Scott's address, his first formal public address in Tamil. ~~I am very glad to say~~ that he did very well. His address really was an important part of his final examination in Tamil, the rest of which is I believe soon to transpire. While I have ~~been writing this letter~~ a telegram has come in from Dr. Howland announcing their safe arrival at Colombo where they landed this morning. We expect them to take the S.S. Lady Gordon on Wed. p.m. and land here at Kangysontorre right at our doors by 7 or 8 oclock on Thursday evening. We shall have a mission meeting as soon as possible after their arrival and then if not before I shall have occasion to write to you again. Dr, Howland reports his party well and all of us in Jaffna are about as well as usual, tho we have all felt the great heat very keenly at times. The boys drooping

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-2-97
Ans'd 3-4-97

Tillipally Jaffna Jan. 5th 1897.

To Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I must plead the great pressure of work during the closing weeks of the old year as my excuse for not writing immediately after our mission meeting held on the 3rd of November as soon as practicable after the arrival of the Howlands in Jaffna.

In my previous letter I reported the announcement by wire of their landing in Colombo. They were not long delayed there and had a quick passage to Jaffna landing safely at Kangysontorre on the evening of Thursday the 15th of October a little before midnight I believe. Mrs. Howland met with a very cordial reception at Batticotta on the following day both from the Christian community and from the teachers and pupils of the College and high school Miss Howland was as heartily welcomed at Odooville and at both places the old routine of busy service was so quickly resumed that it soon seemed hard to realize that they had been so long away.

At the meeting of the Mission on the 3rd of Nov. a formal vote was passed locating Dr. and Mrs. Howland at Batticotta with charge of the islands as well and requesting him to resume the editorship of the English pages of the Morning Star and locating Miss Howland at Odooville as Principal of the Odooville Female Seminary with Miss Myers as associate principal.

In order to the proper accommodation of Drs. Curr and Irwin at Manippai we found it necessary to

to author)ze Dr. Scott to relay the floor of one of the corner rooms of Manippai mission house as the white ants had made sad havoc of t but, as the expense of this extra repair will be divided between 1986 and 1897, we hope to accomplish it without asking any special grant fr that purpose. The votes to close our station accounts as usual on the 15th of December and to ask Dr. Howland to prepare or compile the repor of the mission for 1896 with a view to the printing of the same complete the minutes of that meeting.

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your favor of the 5th of Nov. 1896 addressed to Mr. Hastings but evidently intended for the secretary and enclosing the appropriations for the work of the A.B.C. F. M. exclusively of the work of the Woman's Board, and also your favor of the 19th of November addressed to myself and telling us of your interview with Dr. Irwine.

I think we have never received our appropriations at so early a date before in the 25 years of my connection with the mission, and we are especially grateful to the Prudential Committee for granting us our estimates and for granting them in rupees.

I hardly need say that we also deeply regret the apparent necessity to reduce the salaries of some of us ten percent for another ye while we are sincerely thankful that Dr and Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Howland and Misses Howland and Myers are not thus to suffer. The reduction of five percent in our allowances for 1896 is likely to land both the Hastings and the Smiths in debt at the end of the year, and how they are to manage with a ten per cent reduction in 1897 it is difficult to say.

We rejoice that the Woman's Board does not feel constrained to reduce the allowances of its missionaries and we naturally feel that it might be a happy thought to transfer to its roll the names of Mrs. Hastings and Mrs. Smith and why not the names of all their female children. If this were done in all the missions would not the resources of the A.B.C.F.M. suffice to pay the allowances of the male missionaries without this trying and somewhat invidious reduction in the allowances of a part only of the staff of each mission, and in our case at ~~least~~ the part least which is least able to bear it, that is whose allowances tho larger in actual total are smaller in proportion to necessary expenses than are those of single ladies or of families with few or no children.

Last week on the 30th of December the mission meeting for auditing the station accounts was held at Manipay.

Aside from the routine votes to accept the accounts as passed by the auditors (Dr. Scott and the Secretary) the following minutes were passed,

to accept the nomination of Mr. Allen Abraham a graduate of the Training School and of the College and now a teacher in the College and the first young man of Jaffna to get the degree of B.A. from an Indian university (Calcutta) without going away from Jaffna to qualify for the same, as the Tamil editor of the Morning Star in the place of Mr. J.R. Arnold ~~recently~~ some months

deceased, who held the position for many years;

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and to grant fifty rupees from the funds of the Depository (re-
ceipts from the sale of vernacular school books) to the Industrial
School in consideration of the expense incurred in stereotyping
the formes of the second Tamil reader reprinted this year. If the new
edition of the usual size of 8000 copies had been printed and paid
for by the depository it would have cost more than four times this
sum. Now, when the Ind. Sch. reprints in small editions from its plates
it will probably be able to make a reduction in the price of the book
and still make a fair profit on the work.

On the following day the annual meeting of our "Ecclesiastical Body"
or the permanent council of our churches was held, also at Odooville
The traditional English name of this organization is not a happy
one, and I think it might be well for us to change it to the term "Stan-
ding Council". Our ecclesiastical organization and procedure is hybrid
in form, the Congregational in substance, in that it is advisory a
nor authoritative the permanent in form. I sometimes coin the word
Presbygational to describe it. It comprises the missionaries (males),
the native pastors, ordained ministers without pastoral charge, licens
ed preachers and a lay delegate from each church. It meets at the
end of each year to hear the annual reports of the churches and in-
spect all the church records, and at the middle of the year to hear
informal interim reports and consider questions of polity, and princi

.ple and policy which may be brought before it; and occasionally, at the call of single churches or at the suggestion of the mis sion, in every case or at least almost always on the authorizat ion also of a vote passed at one of the regular meetings, to ordain, install or dismiss pastors, organize new churches, and examine and license candidates for approval as preachers.

Two of the churches, Chavagacherry and Odooville were late with their statistical returns so that I cannot yet send you the statistical summary for the year. However I am happy to report that the total of admissions on confession of faith to the 18 churches during 1895 was no less than 115, a total but once before surpassed in the history of the mission. The net gain in membership for the year was 81 bringing the total membership of the 18 churches at the end of the year up to 1791 or an average of alomost exactly 100 members to each church. The total of contributions from native sources also is sure to show a gain of several hundred rupees, assuming, on the authority of Pastor Eliatamby, that the gifts of the Odooville christians were not less than in 1895.

I am sure that you will agree with us that this is indeed a happy outcome of the work of the year.

We are now enjoying the privileges of the Week of Prayer. Our churches are enthusiastic specialists in the observance of the Week of Prayer. Every church I think begins each day with a prayer-meeting that opens at from 5.30 to 6.30 a.m. and most of them follow this

up by a general meeting in the church in the forenoon and with prayer-meetings in out-lying school-houses or at the homes of individual christians in the afternoon or evening. Sometimes, alas! the interest drops all too suddenly with the ending of the eight days of prayer; but not infrequently the special services are maintained in part at least for some time longer and bear fruit in a quickened spiritual life or in the accession of new members during the year. I think we are all beginning the new year with the hope and the prayer and the earnest resolve that it shall be even more fruitful in service and in growth than was the old year but lately ended.

Wishing you all at the missionary rooms, a Happy New Year, I am in behalf of the Ceylon Mission,

very faithfully yours

Thos Smith
Secretary

P.S. Jan 25 – I am very sorry for the delay in putting this letter – and give you an humble apology for its detention – T.S.

Recd Feb 5/97

J. L. B.
Rec'd 3-2-97
Ans'd 24

Kait's Rest House Jaffna
January 21st 1897.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton

I came over here to welcome to Jaffna and escort to Tillipally our expected guests Dr. Fairbank and his son-in-law Rev. R. W. Woods of Hatfield Mass. and his grandson "J. B." "Geo. Roberts" eldest and only surviving son. The prevalence of cholera at last till very recently at Negapatam prevents the steamer which leaves Negapatam every week for Colombo from calling at Jaffna and so our friends have to come to us by native sailing craft. They are coming from Mutupet the terminus of a new branch of the So. Ind. R. R. and a small port south of Point Calimere so that is So. of Negapatam. Dr. Fairbank was to leave Kodaikanal on Monday as was the Woods to leave Shiyapore. They were to meet at Tanjore at midnight Tuesday and reach Mutupet at 7 A. M. Wednesday. From M. they would take a cargo boat a few miles down the river to the roadstead and there embark on a 15 or 20 ton dhony for this port of Kaitû and if they had found a boat and dhony all

on Wed. p.m.

ready to start, they ought to have gotten over here this i.e. Thursday morning. A one of our friends in the Wesleyan mission has just returned by this route after taking his wife and sister over to "Kodai" and was only 3 days in getting from Kodai to Jaffna I quite hoped that our friends might have an equally expeditious journey over. Dr. Scott and I have just been auditing Chas. Hastings books through Tuesday and Wed. and I hurried over here about 16 miles from Tillipally half hoping to find the travelers already here. Since getting here I learn from the masters of other "Kallathonies" which ply between this port and Point Calimere that boats do not leave Mutupet regularly for this port but only when called from Pt. Calimere by merchants at Mutupet who wish to ship paddy (unhulled rice) to this port. They report moreover that a dhony was to reach Mutupet Tuesday p.m. but would not be ready to leave M. for this before Thursday p.m. i.e. this evening. They can hardly get here before to-morrow morning if this be true, and they may not arrive before tomorrow evening. I have thus come here to the "Rest House" or "Travelers Bun-

gato" to spend the night while waiting for them. I left home at 9 or 10 after a hearty "chotta hazri" or little breakfast as they call it in India and bringing with me my well filled tiffin basket for the inseparable companion and solace of all my wanderings, I took breakfast at the Karadiu parsonage. Pastor and Mrs Charles Sanders are warm friends of mine and always give me a most cordial welcome and Mrs. Sanders supplemented my breakfast of bread and butter and lunch ham with a bountiful supply of rice and curry of her own skilled cooking and some plantains and a luscious mango. I found that the Government School Inspector - Mr. Thambapillai who is now examining the Karadiu schools was stopping with the Sanders or else I would have returned to town for the night instead of stopping here. I stopped with them three days last May while collecting funds for the new building of the Industrial School using their combined sitting room & pastor's study for my room and getting well acquainted with all the family. Mr. Sanders parents are still heathen. He was named for Charles Sanders, Mr. Sanders' second son, the one now in Turkey, but "who might to have been sent out to

Jaffna to make up a quartette instead of the present trio of missionaries' sons on the staff of this mission. He was educated in Jaffna College chiefly with the help of some friends of Mrs. Dr. Howland and was then, for several years, the head-master of Udupitiy Girls Boarding School, to which position he was appointed after he had had three years of theological training in the first regular theological class connected with the College. As he had been trained for the ministry and had devoted himself to it, I never felt reconciled to his tarrying long in the work of teaching, and, when, at his ordination, some six years since, he gave his personal experience and his leading into the ministry, he confessed that he enjoyed teaching so much that he wanted to keep at it but "whenever Fruits Eager" came over to Udupitiy he would ask me just one question "When may I come to your ordination?" and I think God called me so till I just had to obey." I am very glad to assure you that his ministry with this church has been happy and prosperous and that he is one of the best of our younger pastors so that my persistency in keeping "God's call" before him has been amply justified by its happy results.

I am not writing this letter in my official capacity as Secretary of the Mission but only as an individual missionary. I ought to have written some time since reporting the minutes of the last meeting but have been so busy with closing accounts, attending annual meetings of the ~~eight~~ nine churches under my care, besides attending and usually preaching in connection with the final communion service of each church, getting ready for and attending the annual grand examination of the Training, Teaching and Industrial Schools — and finally auditing the station accounts of my colleague and the Training accounts, that it seemed impossible to get time to write at all.

By closing the accounts of the Training School two weeks earlier than usual I managed to pay that ~~up~~ over-run on last years appropriation of eighty odd rupees and barely keep within this (1896 I mean) years appropriation of 605 rupees but the 605 grant for 1897 are fully 305 rupees less than for 1896 and I fear it will be impossible to keep within the 605 of mission grant. If therefore the 80 odd rupees already once reported as over spent in 1895 can be re-granted to this school it will be a timely help. The pupils had been prepared quite as carefully as in 1895 —

Here may be intended to know that I was sundays in 1896 and that I had double work regular preaching services on all but two regular preaching services, sermons on well days enough to bring the total to 52.

but the government inspector plucked half the class of junior queens-scholars including the best scholar in the class. This reduced the grant of the Bannry School 150 rupees from last years. The primary school fell off over 40 rupees and tho the middle school did much better than last year the school was smaller and the pupil teachers belonged in lower grades so that the maximum attainable was less than last year. The grant-in-aid from government is so variable nearly 2100 in 1896 and barely 1800 in 1887 that it is next to impossible to keep always within a mission appropriation intended to supplement the income from fees and Govt. grant-in-aid.

I hope to send you very soon the official statistical return for our churches for 1896. Odoridi Church has been late this year as last in sending its accounts and hence the delay. That is our largest, and, save Bellicotta, strongest church financially but it has many independent christians on its committee and they are not always as careful as they should be to observe the rules of the standing council or Ecclesiastical Body as to times and seasons and forms of returns

is had the largest accession on profession last year of all our churches - viz 27, but is all but three of these were pupils in the girls boarding school the gain in financial resources or aggressive force was not great. Each one of the nine churches under my care had at least one admission on confession of faith Eil. Sojirt 1 Mardty 2 - Pandeterpo 5 - Eil Yoth 5, Helpally 12 nearly all pupils in the Co. School, Varanji Nunani 1 and Kharayachery 10

Every church in the mission save Velangy & Kunjitha had at least one admission and the total 5,115 was thirty more I believe than in 1895.

I have not written you of the precious awakening in the Training School in connection with the visit of Mr. Keith the new Y. M. C. A. secretary. I had felt all through the year that the school was in a critical state, and that numbers of the pupils were holding back against their own convictions of truth and duty, and I feel that Mr. Keith was taught of God to speak the needed message. ~~from Heaven~~. He addressed the boys & teachers from chap. 5 words to the dead son of the widow of Nain "Young man, I say unto thee arise" As he spoke the rain suddenly poured down in torrents and the boys had to gather close about us in the church to hear at all. I never felt more conscious

of the pouring out upon myself (as interpreter) and my audience of the spiritual rain from heaven, and that very night sixteen of our dear boys gave their hearts to the Saviour and came out decidedly as his followers. A few weeks later we admitted 21 of them to the church in one day and nearly as many more will join the church later ~~at the first communion of the new year~~. One of the eleven was a senior who had long seemed a hopless case, and another a junior who has long been the leader of the anti-Christian party or clique in the school, and both of these confessed that they had been resisting their secret convictions ever since the meetings of ~~Mr. S. W. of Toronto held with the pupils~~ pastor of the Eng. Ch. I cannot recall his name just now. (October 1895). ~~I know~~ You will rejoice in this great blessing to the school. It puts the Christian boys in a majority in the school and creates a new atmosphere and reacts most favorably on the discipline and work on the scholarship of the school."

Of the (?) one who now graduate all but one are Christians the only one was the child of heathen parents. One of them is to try the Entrance Exam. of Calcutta University on the 28th of this month. He has been studying for this in addition to his studies in the Training School working under my daughter's tuition and in the same class with our youngest boy Bertie who is 11 years

We hardly expect Bertie to pass the examination but he was very anxious to try and having this test in view has helped him to stick steadily to his work. The older boy Allen 2 years old is not fond of studying tho he can do well when he really tries while Bertie can hardly help doing well in any way. Richard Supramaniam who has been studying with Bertie is a young man of great promise he is almost as clever as was Allen Abraham who graduated from the Training School 12 years ago and then tho he had never studied English till he came to Tillipally entered Jaffna College a year in advance, head his class in every thing, passed the Junior Cambridge local with distinction and finally took his degree of B.A. from Calcutta a year since the very first Jaffna boy to get that honor without going out of Jaffna to qualify for it. He is now the ablest teacher on the native Staff of Jaffna College and but for the Training School he would never have had a education a poor orphan boy as he was. The Training School is not popular with the well-to-do people especially the Christians of Jaffna i.e. they speak well of it as a school for poor boys but as a rule wont send their children to it. So it gathers in its pupils from the vernacular village schools; and so crazy are the people for English and so cheaply is English obtainable at Jaffna College with its numerous bursaries and other funds for aiding students that we find it difficult to get a fair number of really clever boys for each new class in the preparatory department of the Training School. Even in heathen families the tendency obtains to send the bright boy, at any sacrifice, to Batticotta for an education almost wholly

Mr. Ivens I see has given one with defts to the amount of 500 of her with stipend of $300 Tho I and he is specially fond that Mary should take 500 of her with stipend of $300 He has done really far more actual teaching

English and let the duller or less promising boys go to Tillipally. We get two or three bright boys in every class but we are entitled to payment for five boys in the first and second or junior and senior years of the Training School course; and as the annual written examination, ~~on passing~~ which must be passed in order to earn these payments, is a stiff one we need at least five clever boys in each class in order to earn the maximum grant offered to us in terms of the Code. This maximum is Rs. 1000 or five payments of 25 rupees each and five senior do. Rs. 125 each. We passed only 6 boys at the entrance examination in Dec. '95 and as three of these were plucked in Dec. '96 we have lost Rs. 150 in the year's grant and our possible maximum for the year 1897 is by the same failure reduced from Rs. 1000 to Rs. 750. We teach some English in the school aiming to give a reading vocabulary as distinguished from a colloquial one i.e. Eng is taught as Latin is in an English school at home and I have been trying for years to get the Director of Pub. Instr. to recognize our English by registering the school as an anglo-vernacular school in order to give the school greater prestige with the public and at the same time promote the efficiency of the English teaching in the school but have not as yet been able to effect it, tho I believe the concession will yet be made. You know that the primary object of the school is to train teachers for our village

schools. While at the same time they are well grounded in the classics of their own tongue and equipped with such a knowledge of English as will make them to use English books of reference in their work as teachers and in the case of special boys to go on an English College in advance and add a thorough English training to the good education in their own tongue already acquired. Meanwhile they have been well trained to some manual industry as an alternative means of livelihood as well as a means to self help during their course of training at Ellipath. Here will I am sure excuse my prolixity. This has always been my favorite work to help the poorer boys to help themselves to train poor and rich alike not to be ashamed to work with their own hands at some useful industry, and to train men as Christians to work among their own people and in their own tongue not merely in order to gain wealth but primarily to serve God and their fellow men. I do not deny that this last motive may be just as truly a controlling one in English educational work, but it is true that the bulk of the students in English schools and Colleges out here are chiefly intent on getting as quickly as possible into Government service or into some other profession or employment. I ought really to

[illegible] is made on any of these items in reduction of 5700 in 96 and 1900 in 97. The very ones [illegible] are all urgent & [illegible] and [illegible] Dr Blowards half of their salary while Dr [illegible] seems more [illegible] of other things our [illegible] has

take my family home this year but I have to complete the new building for the Industrial School and the new dining hall for the whole school and to collect the funds already subscribed locally to this object and so must hold on another year. Meanwhile a young Layman with normal and technical qualifications ought to be sent out to take charge of the school while I am away. The Mission has already approved the securing of such a man to be supported by the Y. M. C. A. or the Christian Endeavors at home and I have been in correspondence with Mr Sanders Sec. Morse and some others for some time but with no definite result as yet. Messrs. Wishard and Mott both highly approve the plan and so does Mr. Eliot. I shall ask the Mission at our annual meeting next week D.V. to propose to the Brud. Com. that in case a suitable man can be found the Board may agree ~~that~~ to pay his salary for three years while I am away, with the understanding that I secure the wages while at home for his continued support after my return. If he prove to be a married man could not the Womens Board assume the wifes salary as well? I will reply officially to your questions as to foreign staff needed in Jaffna after my return

to Mr Wishard & Mr Mott. We are hoping to get a Layman with a family to go to my station. I plan to leave Madras early in March and to spend the rest of my furlough in Scotland & in America with my family.

Ellipally March 15 1897

Rev. James Barton D.D.

J. L. 540-97
Rec'd. 28
Ans'd.

Dear Dr. Barton.

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter asking for detailed reports of all departments of mission work. We are printing our report this year and I trust you will find it sufficiently full of details. It has been prepared by Dr. Howland and is already nearly through the press.

The statistical returns of the churches for 1896 are herewith enclosed. You will I am sure feel that they are full of encouragement. The additions on profession have been exceeded but once in the 20 years of the missions life. The net gain in membership is also unusually large (87). The large number of gains and losses by letter is owing to the formation of the new church at Nuzvid. It is noteworthy that every church but one secured at least one member on profession of faith. The current income from native sources is Rs. 8,971 a gain of over 600 rupees on the previous year. and the total expenditure about 10,000 rupees is believed to be largest ever reported.

The annual meeting of the mission was held at Ellipally on the 28th of January and the following votes were passed on that occasion.

That the following be the officers and committees of the mission for 1897.

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Chairman Rev. S. W. Howland
Secretary " Thos Snell Smith
Treasurer " R. C. Hastings
Deputation Rev. J. E. Smith
Librarian Rev. S. W. Howland

Committee on Training School Rev. S. W. Howland and Rev. R. Scott
" on Girls Boarding Schools Rev. J. E. Smith & Rev. T. B. Scott
" " Medical Department Rev. T. B. Scott M.D. & Rev. R. S. Ha

We then took up the subject of appropriations for 1897 with the following results the details of the appropriations will be appended on the forms supplied for reporting estimates and appropriations (see printed sample sheet issued by the P. C.) and it is to note that these now reported are appropriations for 1897 and not estimates for 1898.

The following are the totals under each head

A. B. C. F. M.	General Work	Rs. 4472.00
W. B. M.	" "	" 2728.00
	Total General Work	Rs. 7200.00
	General Medi. Mission	Rs. 1200.00
Salaries	A B C F M	" 5406.94
"	Womens Boards	" 1945.50
	Med. Mis for Women	" 1297.00

Grand Total for General Work Rs. 8400,00 = $2800
" " Salaries $8649
" " " all expenses $1. = Rs. 3. 11447

That Misses Howland and Myers be allowed to carry out their plan for an English school for girls at Odoville as an experiment for one year on the understanding that it is not to be allowed to burden seriously the financial resources of the Odoville Female Seminary. The plan is briefly to use the old Missionaries study a separate building just across the flower garden from the Mission House as the English school room and to receive day scholars at Rs. 24 per year and boarders at Rs. 50 per year or Rs. 60 including instrumental music and the boarders to share in the domestic duties of the pupils of the Seminary. All the pupils in the English School are to buy their own text books and stationery.

The increased attention now paid to English in all the girls boarding schools in Jaffna make it quite necessary for us to take decided steps in the same direction and we all approve doing so provided it be done on the basis of entire self-support. Both Meses H. & M. are to share in the teaching of the English classes and at least one clever graduate of the Odoville Training School for girls (a department of the Seminary) is to be called to teach in the English School from the boarding school of the Wesleyan Mission where she has been studying English for two years since graduating from the Training School. I presume the ladies have written you fully of this new pet enterprise of theirs.

The usual syllabus of Tamil studies for the first year was assigned to Drs. Irwin and Carr who arrived early in January and are now happily settled at Manippai as members of Dr. Scott's family, with permission to vary from it in non-essentials at the discretion of Dr. Scott.

Permission was given to Dr. & Mrs. Howland, the Drs Scott and the Smiths to visit Kodaikanal. The Howlands and the Scotts started for India on the 4th instant and the Smiths hope to follow two week later.

I am sorry for the delay in getting off this letter I was so pressed with work in getting things in shape for my absence that I could not get it off from Jaffna and until now I have been unable to attend to it after getting here

It is mailing time and I must close with kind regards from all Jfns who are here at Kodai. I am faithfully yours

Thos Spencer Smith
Secretary

Postid April 7th 1897.

Jaffna May 15, 1897

F. E. B.
Rec'd 5-12-97
Ans'd 28

Jaffna Home Kodaikanal 14-4-97

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton;

Herewith the Tabular View of the Ceylon Mission for 1896. I am sorry not to have sent it at an earlier date but the necessary data were for a time in the hands of Dr Howland who was busily pushing through the press the printed report of the Mission for and after the file of the statistical reports of the 18 churches had been returned to me I was so busy in getting ready to come over here that I was unable to do more than commit to a competent assistant the work of compiling the Tabular View. It has been carefully reviewed by Mr. Hastings and myself and is I think correct

If there is any error it is the inclusion in the number of missionaries of the staff of the College and of my daughter but the marginal notes will give you the data for correcting them if you wish to exclude them.

The majority of our mission is now over here at Kodai. Mrs. Howland has been laid aside since coming here by a painful abscess

but is now steadily gaining. Dr. Scott has also been laid aside for a time as doubtless he will report to you but he also ~~has~~ is now daily gaining strength and will I trust soon be well again. The rest of us are here are doing well

I have not previously reported to you the sudden death from an apoplectic attack of Mr. S. S. Jeremiah the head master for the past twenty years of the Seaman's School at Pilipally. I will write you more fully of this in an individual letter. One of our younger pastors Rev. S. Veragatte of the home-missionary church on the islands of Velany and Pungraten has been chosen to succeed Mr. Jeremiah. Mr. V. is himself a graduate of the school and was for several years its first assistant teacher or 2nd Master a position which he only left at the urgent call of the Navaly Church to become their pastor.

We hope that you will be pleased with our report. The illustrations are the work of a local Tamil photographer Mr. S. K. Lawton. Mr. Lawton's only brother a lawyer, is an active member of our Navaly Church but Mr. S. K. L. professes to be an agnostic tho he has married his daughters to Christian husbands.

With my kind regards I am, faithfully yours

Esther Scott Smith

Madras Journal, Apr. 14, 1917

Jaffna Ceylon June 28th, 1897.

Rev. H.L.Barton D.D.For.Sec A.B.C.F.M.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 7-31-97
Ans 8-11

Dear Dr. Barton,

You have already heard from Dr. Scott of the matter referred to in the accompanying extract from the minutes of the recent meeting of the mission. I hesitate to add much to the record in the way of explanation or comment as this letter has yet to be submitted to the brethren and I wish to avoid adding anything to which exception could be taken, thus delaying the dispatch of the letter which ought to have been well on its way to you ere this. I think I may say that we are of one mind in regretting the alliance and still more the way in which the whole thing has been done, and in desiring to know and do God's will in the matter, and to avoid even the appearance of that pride of race or caste which some of our native friends will be only too quick to attribute to us and which we can but condemn in them.

We especially feel that every such alliance can but be a new menace to the safety and a new narrowing to the sphere of every missionary (young & unmarried) of the Womans Board. Our daughters and sisters have enjoyed a position of unique safety and freedom in that such an alliance has been unthinkable; but this position they can hold no more.

We await your advice and direction and humbly pray that God's will may be made very plain to us all; and that he may over-rule for good even what seems to us most unfortunate & wrong.

I am in behalf of the Mission
Faithfully yours
Fred Smith.

Accountant Apr. 14, '97

Rec'd 7-31-47
Ans'd 8-4

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The subject was informally discussed at some length and Dr. Ratnam was asked to make any statement she wished to as to her view of the matter. It was made apparent that she had acted under pressure from Mr. Ratnam and with the idea that it was to be an utter secret between them, a sort of special betrothal, the actual union not to be consumated till after a public marriage in Ceysome some years later, and it was acknowledged that while Mrs. Ratnam does not regret the alliance, she does, under the circumstances, regret the time and manner of its consumation. The following minute was then passed all present excepting Dr. Ratnam voting for it."

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A true copy of the record
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Secretary A.C.M.

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A true copy of the record
Wm. Ellis Barrett
Secretary A.B.C.F.M.

J. L. B.
Rec'd 9-9-97
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Tillipally Jaffna Ceylon, 24th July, 1897.

To Rev. J. L. Barton, D.D., Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton,

At the meeting of the mission held on 19th of June, and which I have previously reported in part to you, we read anew your circular letter of the 23rd of March, in re the revision of estimates for 1898, before making out our estimates, and carefully considered the possibility of making reductions in the estimates for salaries and for "General Work". We can only say that "the actual necessities for sustaining the work without enlargement" have long been the basis of our annual estimates for the following year. In making our estimates for salaries on the new plan, three or four years since, we simply followed our instructions from the Prudential Committee in adding to our former salaries a minimum estimate for health traveling and for rent, both of which additions are immediately charged to our accounts with the mission treasurer and credited to the public accounts for traveling and for repairs so that our net personal allowances, aside from allowances for children, are no larger than they were before, save that the salary of single ladies has been increased, by direction of the P.C., from $500 to $ 648.50. Our old rates used to be $1125 for a married pair, $625 for a single man, on the ground that he usually had to furnish a house and keep house, $500

for a single lady boarding, and $625 for a single lady having to keep house for others, the added sum being called a "housekeeping allowanhe". Of all these allowances that of $500 for young ladies boarding was undoubtedly the most liberal and the least in need of increment; but, as the increase was not made by us, we do not feel at liberty to alter it, even tho the increased sum is now practically the only item in the salary list not subject to the ten per cent reduction. The increased allowances for children were greatly needed, especially for the older ones staying out with their parents and we cannot recommend any reduction in the same. Indeed, with the five percent reductin last year, the one of our number with the largest number of children was unable to keep out of debt; and the prospect is that the ten per cent reduction of this year will cause a still more serious deficit in the personal account of at least one of our number.

In fixing our extimates for general work we have followed almost exactly our actual appropriations, last January, for 1897. One of our licensed preachers left us in December last and a catechist whose salary was included in our estimate for 1897 died in the course of last year. Both of these vacancies ought to be filled by the appointment of new men & at least two good men are available for appointment, but on account of the straits of the Board, we have not appointed them tho we do feel constrained to add to our estimate rs. 240 for one additinal catechist; but even with this addition the total for general work

A.B.C.F.M. is 68 rupees less than the total for the same object in our estimates for 1897. In the estimates for general work of the Womens boards we have ventured on one important addition as an extra item of greatly needed repairs. Since the death of Father Howland in 1892 the mission house at Odooville has been somely occupied by missionaries of the Woman's Board. Its ordinary repairs have been met nominally by the A.B.C.F.M.; but really since the new system of rents came in vogue they have ~~really~~ actually been met in good part by the Womans Boards. The verandah of the house is in a deplorable condition and we have tried in vain for several years to save the money for its thorough repair from our ordianry appropriation for repairs as supplemented by rents charged to missionaries. The repair cannot be put off later than the beginning of next year and it ought to be done at once. As the house long has been and probably will continue to be occupied solely by missionaries of the Womans Board, it seems only fair that the Womans Board should be asked to grant the 400 rupees needed for this extra but most urgent repair.

I have put down in the schedule for the Medical Mission for Women only Dr. Curr's salary. Dr. Curr however will have to have an associate or assistant. She as well as the doctors Scott will doubtless write you of the advisability that such assistant should be a trained nurse rather than another full-fledged M.D.. As I am not sure whether the salary for a nurse should be the same

and in order to avoid altering or recopying my list, I leave it as it is, only stipulating that the appropriation for 1898 for the Medical Mission for Women should provide for a suitable assistant for Dr. Curr from England or America.

Events may intervene to alter the exact sums needed to be appropriated next January, but if some of us are to leave others should be coming to take their places, so that we do not attempt to provide for such contingencies.

Hoping that the Prudential Committee will appreciate our effort to keep our estimates at the lowest possible point, and will be able, as last year, to grant our estimates in full,

I am,

in behalf of the mission,

faithfully yours,

Thos. Snell Smith

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Rec'd 9-9-97
Ans'd 15

Tillipally Jaffna Ceylon, 26-7-'97.

To Rev. J.L.Barton, D.D.Sec.A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have to report two more votes passed at the mission meeting on the 19th of June. As the other matters were more immediately urgent I reported them without waiting to send a complete report in the first instance of all the votes passed at that meeting.

You are already aware that I have long been planning to ask for a furlough early in 1898 on the completion of a second term in the field of a full decade. At this meeting it was voted to allow me to apply to the Prudential Committee for permission to visit America with my family.

It is a great satisfaction to us to have been permitted to round out this second term of service. We got back to Jaffna about the middle of January 1888 after an absence from the field of two wks less than two years. We first reached Jaffna on the 4th of July '71 and landed in New York on Good Friday in 1886 just ten days less than 15 years from the date of our sailing from the same port in May 1871. Of course we cannot tell what may be in store for us but if it be God's will we hope to return in due time, for yet another term of service in this field.

It was also voted to allow Mr. Smith to ask the Prud.Com., in the name of the Mission, for the appointment of a young lay missionary,

with normal and technical or industrial training, to live at Tillipally and take charge of the Training and Industrial School, his salary, if not available at once from some special source, to be paid by the Board during Mr. Smith's absence on furlough, with the understanding that Mr. Smith will undertake while at home to secure a special fund for his and his successors permanent support."

We see no prospect of the appointment of an ordained and married missionary to take over the work of which I have had charge; and more over the burden would be too heavy to lay upon a young man with the language yet to learn, to say nothing of the fact that the care of the industrial school might be any thing but congenial to the new ordained missionary, assuming that one were available for the place. Moreover there is a real need for s young lay assistant in order to the more efficient working of both the normal and the industrial departments of the combined institution. More than a year since the mission agreed that the coming of a young layman was desirable and allowed me to apply to the secretaries of young mens christian associations at home for the sending out of a suitable man, to be supported by one or more of the home associations. I laid the matter before Mr. Mott on the occasion of his visit and he heartily approved of the plan and put me in communication with three associations, but the effort has not yet borne fruit in the discovery of either the man or the money required. I have also laid the matter before the Misses Leitch and

before Prof. Sanders of Yale University all of whom are well acquainted with the character and the needs of the school and heartily approve of the appointment of a young layman to take charge of it. I am sure that they will heartily co-operate in the effort to secure the right man for the work. I should myself prefer to have his support provided independently of the treasury of the Board, but the need that the man should be on the ground before I leave, to take over the school directly from me, is so urgent that we feel constrained to ask the Prudential Com. to provide for his support if necessary during my own absence from the field. I am confident that during my furlough I can secure a permanent foundation for the support of the right kind of a man without diverting from the treasury of the Board any part of its ordinary income from its proper constituency.

The new steam plant of the Ind. Sch. and the enlarged building for its accommodation will I trust be completed and paid for before I have to leave in March 1898. I have secured local subscriptions for more than 4000 rupees for the building and hope to bring the total up to 5000 and to collect enough before leaving, to more than pay off the debt which I have had to incur in order to finish the building this year. It is an interesting fact that by far the greater part of this local aid has come from non-christians, to whom I have especially appealed, as likely to be more willing to aid this comparatively secular object than to

contribute to the ordinary evangelistic work of a Christian mission ~~sion~~ .

I will not dwell on this subject longer but commit it to yourself and through you to the Prudential Committee with the humble prayer that God may provide the man and the money and bring about his coming, and make that coming a manifest blessing to the school and to the cause of Christ in this land.

Hoping to hear from you favorably in regard to this matter, I am, faithfully yours,

Thos. Snell Smith

Secretary.

Accepted July 26, 97

J. L. B.
Rec'd 9-9-97

Tillipally July 30th 1897.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I am fomarding by tomorrow's mail the estimates for our mission and my letter in explanation of the same. It has been delayed by being sent round to the rest of the brethren for approval by them, and meanwhile another letter, of later date, in re my request for leave to visit America, and the request of the mission for a young lay missionary to take charge of the school at Tillipally, has been forwarded to you direct by Mr. Hastings. I intended to have sent with that letter this private letter from myself as a missionary and not as mission secretary in explanation of the contents of that letter and of the reasons for our going home next year.

When it became apparent that the Howlands would have to give up the work and go home without expectation of returning at all, we were asked if we could not hold on another year; but I think the brethren and sisters all feel that we ought not to do so. Our children are 15, 13 and 12 years old already and will all be some eight months older before we can get away; we shall have rounded out a full decade for our second term of service; our eldest daughter will have been out here nearly 3&1/2 years; we shall have filled out nearly 27 years of service with only 18 months of it spent in America; My wife is already greatly in need of a change; and tho I might hold out longer, my chance of

fitness for another term of service will be much enhanced by taking a furlough without farther delay. The possibility of sending my family home and staying on myself has also been considered. If the children were all girls perhaps I might risk it, but these two boys are just at present rather "too many" for mother and sister without me. I hope Allen will steady down after a year or two in America into a manly self-masterful lad who can be trusted away from his father, but I feel that there would be great risk in sending him away from me just now. Both of the boys came out decidedly as christians during the recent Y.M.C.A. Convention under the lead of Dr. White and Mr. Eddy, and Allen has taken hold of his studies since then in a way we feared he never would, but all the more because he has been kept out here so long, his transfer to life at home will be a critical time with him, and in deciding where they are to be located and what they are to attempt to do, I feel that my first duty is to be with my children for the next two years. Thomas Herbert, or Bertie as we still call him, tho only 12 and the youngest of the three is far ahead of the others in his studies. He actually took the Calcutta Entrance examination last Jan. — not that we expected him to pass, but that he might have a definite object in view in his studies and get a little used to a public written exam. He is naturally fond of books and study and will I think be worth receiving a full university course at home. Allen's tastes thus far are less for books and more for practical affairs, tho he does well in his lessons when he really tries, and I think a technical training may suit

suit him better, tho of course there must first come two years or so of common school life. Abbie also does not yet develope much aptitude for books tho very fond of caring for babies of any color and looking carefully after the sick boys in the Training School. Mary you may remember was to have graduated at Bryn Mawr in June 94' if that severe attack of the grip had not intervened and then her mother's need summoned her out here. I know of no young lady in this or any other mission who spends more hours daily in hard work than she (more than six hours daily of steady teaching) besides much time spent in training a small class of girl graduates, (daughters of heathen parents, who are holding out in their heathen homes against great pressure to accept heathen husbands, and waiting until christian marriages can be arranged for them) to earn something by fine drawn work and other sorts of embroidery of which I will enclose a sample, which I hope Mrs. Barton will accept. Besides teaching her sister and brothers their ordinary lessons and giving them lessons on the piano (Miss Leitches wh. they kindly left with us) she prepared a member of the senior class who "read" with Bertie so that he passed in the Calcutta University Entrance exam. when Bertie failed, while at the same time graduating at the head of his class in the Training School, only a month before the Ent. exam. She also took charge of all the English classes in the Tr. & Practising schools from the 1st of Jan. 97, and

since coming back from Kodai she has formed a class for the next Cal. Entr. exam, next February of six members and perhaps seven, viz. her two brothers, the two junior teachers in the Practising School both of whom were valdictorians of their respective classes in the Tr. Sch. and who are now teaching half the day only on half pay in order that they may try that exam, two of the staff of skilled workmen in the Ind. Sch. a printer and a book-binder, both of them graduates one of the Training and the other of the Practising School, and a member of the present junior class in the Tr. Sch. Besides all this her help in the home is invaluable and through her presence with us her mother in spite of feeble health has been able to get into the villages and to go abroad with me to other stations under my care as never before in our 26 years of missionary life. It seems rather hard does'nt it that she (Mary) should lose 10/00 of the half salary_no less than half salary of a young lady granted to me on her account and get only $270 for this year, as she got only $285 last year. I dont let her suffer this loss for I pay her the $300 in full tho I dont get it myself from the Board, but I lose it all the same. I wish to call the attention of the P.C. or at least your attention to the following facts. If we had sent or taken the three youngest children home three years ago we should have received $750 per year for them for the three years, as Mr. Hastings has received at that rate for his two girls both of whom are younger than our boys for this same period of time, or $2250 in all save possibly five or ten p.c. on $130 for each the two last years or last year and this

say about $50 less all told, leaving $2200. Keeping them here, we have received in '95$389, in '96$400 and in 97 probably $408 on account of these three children, or about rs.1200 in all, while for Mary we have received$300 in '95, $285 in '96 and probably shall get $270 in '97 or $865 in all or $140 about less than we wld have received for the three children alone had they been at home. I trust that under the circumstances there will be no objection to the Board paying Mary's fare home. Our second daughter, Emily Maria, who after a year at Wellesley went to the Kindergarten department of Pratt's Institute in Brooklyn, graduated there in June '96 and since Jan. 1st has had charge of the Kindergarten dept. of Fitchburg State-Normal School on $600 with promise of $700 in 1898. There can be little doubt therefore but that Mary, if she had staid at home and taken her B.A. at Bryn Mawr in Dec. 1894, would have been earning a good deal more than $300 per year for the past three years. She has made the sacrifice happily and her loss has been our great gain and the gain of the work out here, the educational work directly and the work among the women indirectly through the mothers restored health and increased freedom for mission work.

I wish to ask a favor in behalf of Tirzah our third daughter. She will be 20 years old on the 13th of March 1898 and I dont know that she will be entitled to aid for that year, but if it can be granted it will be a very great favor. She has just completed her freshman year at Mt. Holyoke College, and has won a scholarship of $75 o

Report to have left who was 13 wo would only 14. 120 per year or for course.

for next year, and if the $250 dollars can be continued for next year only, we can see her safely through the sophomore year, and by that time Mary as well as Emily will be earning, d.v., a good salary, and will be able to help her through the rest of her course. If she cannot have a grant for 1898 I fear she must leave college and seek work as a teacher for I dont see how we can possibly make up the loss of the $250 that she would otherwise receive from the Board. We do expect to send her $100 as we have this year besides her allowances but we cant manage $350 or even $300 for it is no easy matter to spare the $100 with 10/00 of allowances docked as they now are. If in addition to granting this request Mr. Wiggin could be allowed to make the last home payment of $120 in Oct. of this year so that she could use it for paying the college fees for the first half of sophomore year, it would be a very great favor indeed.

I pray, finally, for patience with the apparent debt of 2000 rupees in my acct with the treasurer. I say apparent because I believe it will almost if not wholly disappear before the end of the year. I must get the building for the Ind. Sch. done before going away. I have about 300 rupees on deposit at Colombo and Odooville church owes me over 500 rupees which I advanced to them at Dr. Howlands request five years since when their new ch. building was in a critical state and just had to be finished somehow before the rains, while Varany and Nunavil churches owe me at least rs. 200 more on their ch. building and this will make up half of the 2000 rupees; while more than Rs 3000 of subscript

to the Ind. School building are due from people in Jaffna to be paid before the end of the year. If I collect even 3/4 of them that will more than pay the other 1000 rupees and meet expenditure yet to be incurred. Besides this I have good reason to expect considerable aid from or through the Misses Leitch and other friends in America and England. I am more than willing to pay interest on at least 1000 rupees for the year if my debt causes any interest expense to the mission treasurer. Please remember that this is not money spent for self in any way, but represents an addition to the property of the Board in Jaffna of at least ten thousand rupees in value, without, ultimately, any expenditure of the ordinary income of the Board. ~~for~~ The total cost will be at least rs.5000 for steam plant and rs.5000 for the new building. I pray you therefore to intercede with the treasurer and if necessary with the P.C. as well that they may have patience till I pay them all the temporary overdrawing in which I have been constrained to indulge.

There are many matters about the school and especially the great need of a young layman to take charge of it, of which I wish to write you but must defer it to another opportunity.

Please allow a word of apology for the mis-spelling of consummate and its derivatives in the letter from Chav. about Mrs. Rutnam. I wrote out the letter on the machine in great haste and somehow dropped an m over and over again tho the words were all spelled ~~rightly~~ rightly in my secretary's blotter and copied rightly from that into

the mission record-book as well. I felt rather grieved that my colleagues neither corrected my mistake nor returned the letter to me to be corrected or re-copied by myself. I felt uneasy about the word and tried in vain to find a dictionary in the Chav. house; but it did not occur to me to refer to my own minutes and compare with my own manuscript spelling which I find always more reliable than this machine for original composition.

Pray forgive me, my long long letter so "muchly" about myself and mine. I want to consult you about a good place for locating for a year or two with my family at home -somewhere away from the severe New-England winter and yet with good schools easily accessible, say in Maryland or Pennsylvania near Baltimore or Bryn Mawr or Philadelphia. Andover or Easthampton wld attract us, but, with our sensitive throats and long residence out here I am afraid of New-England. California is ideal, but it is so far away and the schools are not so good and living is dear. Oberlin hath charms but is bad for us as New-England I fear. I am making enquiries here and there and shall write you again, and meanwhile shall be glad of advice from you.

My wife and daughter join me in kind regards to yourself and Mrs. Barton and in the hope of meeting you ere many months go by.

As ever, I am, gratefully and faithfully yours,

Thos Lowell Snell

Rev. L. S. Smith 324

I. F. B.
Rec'd 9-9-97
Ans'd 15

Tillipally Aug 2-97

Dear Dr Barton

That previous letter which I thought had been posted to you by Mr Hasting has come back to me from Dr Scott and I forward it herewith. It will probably reach you by the same mail that brings to you two letters of earlier and later date which posted under one cover at Chawkehery on Sat p.m. the 31st.

I am also posting a copy of the mission report with the promised sample of drawn work by Mary's pupils. I am sorry she had no fine handkerchief finished to spare for sending now. I hope to get another letter ready for

you today and submit it to the
brethren Hastings and Scott at
monthly meeting this afternoon
Dr Moorlands are to leave
Jaffna on the 17th instant

We are trying to get Henry
Bunbank of Wadale - Station
Dr. Moorlands place in the College
but are not very hopeful of
success

Yours in haste
Thos Scott Smith

9-23-97
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Tillipally Jaffna, Aug.12th, 1897

To Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have been much delayed in writing you in regard to a special meeting of the mission held here at Tillipally on the 15th of July, before and after the meeting of our "Ecclesiastical Body" or standing council of our churches wh. held its semiannual session here on that day.

I will first report the minute in regard to the departure of Dr. and Mrs. Howland.

"Dr. Scott having certified that Mrs. Howland cannot recover her health out here, and that she ought to return to America just as soon as the transit of the Red Sea can be safely attempted, it was voted, in view of the special urgency of the situation, that Dr. and Mrs. Howland be allowed to start for America early in September without waiting to receive permission in the usual form from the Prudential Committee".

You have doubtless been prepared for this in great measure by letters from Dr. Howland. We were all most reluctant to have them leave, but there seems to be no other way; and we fear there is no room to hope for their return. It is particularly sad that they should have to give up the work so soon after returning to it happy in the hope of another protracted term of service. We know not how to spare them nor how to fill the vacancy thus made in the staff

of the Mission and of Jaffna College, but it is evident that they must go and that without delay.

After a full discussion of the question of providing for the College, we decided to consult Mr. Henry Fairbank as to the possibility of his coming, at least temporarily, to the help of the College, as we felt that he would be a man well fitted for the position and as we were also under the impression that the climate of the Deccan did not agree with Mrs. F. and thought that the climate of Jaffna might be better for her. I wrote to Mr. F. at once, but I am very sorry to say that he is not likely to come, as he feels very reluctant to leave Wadale, and Dr. Julia Bissell thinks that by spending some months of the year at their hill station "Panchagani" Mrs. F. can hope to be as well in India as she could hope to be in Jaffna.

It was also voted to put Batticotta station in charge of Mr. Hastings and to appoint him Eng. editor of the Morning Star in place of Dr. Howland.

It was also voted to ask the Prudential Committee to send out as soon as possible another married and ordained missionary to this mission, that missionary to be an American x of course. The certainty that we, the Smiths, must go home early next year makes the need of such reinforcement all the more urgent. If Mr Wallace could be transferred to us we should be delighted to have him come; but we fear that the Madura Mission would not consent at all to give him up, no matter how great

x i.e. not Mr. Rathan.

our need. It was also suggested that if the Jeffries can be sent out again they might be sent here rather than to Madura. I think that they or the Herricks or the Perkins or the Hazens would be heartily welcomed if they could be transferred to this mission be be located at Udupitty while the Hastings were removed to Batticotta. We shall meet again as a mission before Dr. Howland leaves and shall decide then what farther steps should be taken at once. N.B. Later We are not prepared to ask for the Jeffries especially if the Madura brethren do not favor his reappointment.

The following changes in the location of several of our native assistants were also voted after consultation with leading native pastors who were present for the meeting of the Council.

To fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Mr. Samuel Miller at Mallagam near Tillipally, Mr. Ezekiel Sangarapillai, the head master of the Mariankudal vernacular school of Panditeripo station, was appointed catechist, to reside at Tillipally and for the present devote some of his time to study under the direction of Mr. Smith and the headmaster of the Training School Rev. S. Veragatty. Mr. Sangarapillai has long been a candidate for promotion to the evangelistic work and was appointed over a year since, tho the appointment was cancelled owing to the reduction of appropriations in 1896. As a teacher he has been very faithful in christian work and we all believe that he gives promise of great usefulness. He graduated from the Training School soon after I came here in 1878

Mr Veragatty having been called from the pastorate of the Pungerative church

in the field of the Native Evangelical (home missionary) Society, to the headmastership of the Training School, vice Mr. Jeremiah deceased and the Committee of that society having invited the pastor of the Erlarly South church, Rev. I Paul, to take charge of that church, and he having decided to accept that invitation, it was voted, ~~that~~ pending the action of the So. Erl ch. in calling a new pastor, ~~It was voted~~ to remove Mr. Danforth the licensed preacher in charge of the congregation at Santillipai from that place to Erl. So. and put him in charge of the schools and the evangelistic work at that out-station, the local church to pay him a salary of 20 rupees per month as their acting pastor. Rev. D. Stickney the venerable pastor of the Udupitty ch. who has been more than fifty years in mission service, having been ordained over the Pungertive ch. more than 30 years since and installed at Udupitty in 1871, and who lost his wife last year, having expressed a desire for an easier position, we voted to appoint him to Santillipai where he can have a home with his married daughter and can take charge of the Santillipai congregation and field, provided he should decide to resign his present position and accept the salary of 20 rupees wh. the Santillipai congregation is able to pay, with some help from the parent ch. at Manippai. (present salary Rs. 32.50)

Dr. Scott having decided to employ Mr and Mrs. Alfred Anderson at present in charge of the congregation and schools at Anacotta, south of Manippai, as matron and male nurse respectively in the female and male wards of the hospital at Manippai, it was voted to appoint to the position

thus vacated, Mr. Jacob Chinnatamby, at present on the island of Vala ny in the employ of the Nat.Ev. Soc., the Committee of that Society having asked the mission to appoint him to some position on the peninsula, as his wife's health was such that she could no longer live on the island of V. At Anicotta only two miles from Manippai the invalid wife will be within easy reach of skilled medical treatment. All but one of these changes have been practically effected already . Pastor Stickney naturally feels it a severe reduction of his income to come down from over 30 to 20 rupees, but he will I think come round to it and with his children all well off and his wife gone, and his own increasing infirmities, he will find no difficuty in living on 20 rupees . As Udupitty is an important station church we took no action as to a successor for Mr. Stickney in the event of his resigning, but left it with Mr. Hastings to report at a later date what the choice of the church is likely to be. The So. Erlarly ch. were at first very reluctant to give up Mr. Paul but they have done it for the ~~wor~~ work's sake and have welcomed Mr. Danforth kindly and will I ~~tru~~ trust do well under his care.

Mr. Hastings our treasurer will have reported to Mr. Wiggin our vote authorizing him i.e. Mr. H. to calculate the salaries of missionaries in dollars as appropriated at Boston, instead of in sterling as heretofore, together with our reasons for the change.

No other business of any importance was transacted at that special

meeting at Tillipally. The meeting of pastors and delegates was well attended and the admissions to the churches on profession of faith during the first six months were reported as 28 only. The larger ingatherings are always towards the close of the year, but this is an unusually small number, even for the first half of the year. Five of the 28 were admitted to the little church at Erlarly South, all but one of them being young men, three of whom have since gone to the Straits Settlements for employment under Pastor Paul's brother or near to him who is in government employ at that place. One of these young men became a christian while working as a volunteer without pay in the printing office of the Industrial School since last December, as a call had come for a trained printer to fill a vacancy at Singapore.

Dr. and Mrs Howland will leave for Colombo by the s.s. which is to call here next week and they propose to spend the rest of the month at Hatton in the hill country of Ceylon, as the doctors feel that she should be gotten away from the heat of the plains as soon as possible and yet it will not be safe for her to pass through the Red. Sea before the middle of next month.

Misses- The Misses Leitch have sent us a copy of their letter to Mr Ratnam in regard to his plan for opening an English High School at Anarajapura. We feel thankful for their prompt action in the matter and know that the C.M.S. missionaries are also very glad to have that plan squelched. We are also very thankful to hear that Mr. Ratnam's application for appointment by the A.B.C.F.M. has been rejected.

I hope to write again soon in reply to several questions in your last list of the Mission, I am, in behalf of the Tillipally Jaffna Sub-Station

Tillipally Jaffna, Oct 12/19

J. L. B.
Rec'd 11-4-97
Ans'd 24

Tillipally Jaffna Ceylon 27th Aug.1897.

To Rev. J.L.Barton D.D. Sec.A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Bsrton,

Last Saturday the 21st instant Dr. and Mrs. Howland left Jaffna for Colombo by the S.S.Lady Havelock saiing from Kangysontorre soon after 4 p.m. The port is only about two miles from Tillipally but as Mrs. Howland was anxious to avoid all unnecessary strain we all gathered at the Govt. Rest House at the port itself for a farewell breakfast, instead of meeting at Tillipally.All of our circle save Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Hitchcock and their little boys were able to be present, and all but Mrs. Smith and the little Hastings accompanied them on board the vessel and saw them safely off.Mrs. Howland of course found it a very hard day, but she kept up wonderfully. .Miss Howland has heard by wire of their safe arrival in Colombo on Monday the 23rd. They were expecting to proceed at once to Hatton where they have secured a furnished house for a month and there Mrs. H. hopes to gain strength for the longer voyages still before her.They are to sail from Colombo on the 16th of September.

We have just heard of the arrival at Madura of the Wallaces and I have written him informally but at the request of my colleagues to ascertain whether he is willing to entertain at all the thought of transfer to the Ceylon Mission.If he is inclined to respond favorably to the proposal we shall doubtless ask for him formal

both from the Madura Mission and from the Prudential Committee, but we have very little hope that the Madura Mission will consent to spare us any one whom we would be willing to accept. With the Chandlers and the Perkins back, and the Washburns and perhaps as we hear the Jeffries available for return, it seems to us that they ought cheerfully to give up to us one who has already been with us in another capacity for four years, who knows our field and ourselves and would be most cordially welcomed back by a wide circle of foreign and native friends.

We, however, are not responsible for the attitude of that mission towards us, and our hope lies not with them but with you and through you with God who knows the needs of this field and will doubtless supply them in the way that seems good to him.

In your letter last received you ask how far we are able to make our pupils pay for their text books, stationery &c. In the dayschools we furnish the catechisms free at the expense of the American Tr. Soc. and supply girls schools, at most of the stations at least, with other school books at half price; but boys schools have to pay full price. We sell to the teachers who collect wholly or in part from the pupils meeting the loss if there be any themselves. In our girls boarding schools the girls are required to pay for English text books but books in the vernacular are the property of the school. I think the feeling is gaining ground that this is a mistake and that it wld be better to require the pupils to buy

buy a part at least of their textbooks in the vernacular.

In the Training School, when I took charge in 1878, all text books were the property of the school. Feeling that it was particularly important that young men in training for teachers should own the tools of their trade, I at once introduced the system of private ownership, arranging with the approval of the mission, to give the pupils the ordinary books required for their bible lessons, to furnish textbooks translated from English or based on Western science at half price, and requiring full payment for Tamil classics and for English books. It was in order to help the boys to buy their own books that I started the industrial department of the school.

Sept. 30th. This letter was laid aside and overlooked for a month I am sorry to say. Meanwhile the Howlands have left us. They sailed from ~~Jaffna~~ Colombo on Friday the 17th instant. Their stay at Hatton seems to have benefited them both and we hope they may have a comfortable journey home.

I have to acknowledge with thanks your favor of the 4th of Aug.

We are glad to know that the Prudential Committee approves of our action in re Dr. Ratnam. Your letter says nothing about her salary, but, from a sentence in a letter from yourself to Dr. Scott, we inferred that the Committee intended to allow her full salary to the date of resignation. She resigned on Tuesday the 14th instant and sailed on that day for Colombo whence she proceeded to England in

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company with Dr. & Mrs. Howland in the s.s. Cheshire of the Bibby line on the 17th inst.

We intended to so word our resolution in re. a successor for Dr. Ratnam as to avoid asking for another fully qualified doctor, as we were even then of one mind in thinking that it would be better to have a trained nurse for Dr. Curr's colleague and assistant. We are pleased to find you of the same opinion and we hope to hear long of the appointment some one who can come out speedily to the work.

We are quite in the dark as to what Mr. and Mrs. Ratnam are likely to do on meeting in England; but if they do decide to return to India, you may be sure that we shall gladly do whatever we can to help them to good positions in India. It will be a great mistake if they attempt to locate in Jaffna or indeed anywhere in Ceylon.

All the members of our circle are I believe in usual health.

I am, in behalf of the mission,

faithfully yours,

Thos Neil Smith.

Jaffna, Aug. 28, 1897

J. L. B.
Rec'd 11-18-97
Ans'd 24

Tillipally 13th Oct. 1897

To Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton,

Your letter of Sept. 2nd in re the proposed deputation from the Prudential Committee to visit the three missions of the Board in India and Ceylon reached me some three days since and after consultation with Mr. Hastings I am writing my reply that I may submit to my colleagues for approval when we meet tomorrow at Odooville at the annual convocation of our churches, held as usually simultaneously with the great day of the annual meeting at home.

I am sure that we expressed our wish for such a deputation in connection with your proposed visit enroute from Japan to America, in returning from the deputation to the Japan mission.

I think we are of one mind in hoping that the proposed deputation may come and at the earliest possible date, that, if possible, it may visit Ceylon before I have to leave for America, as I now expect to by the middle of March 1898.

Quite aside from the desirability of your coming before I leave, January and February are by all means the pleasantest months of the year in Jaffna, as March and April are the hottest and most uncomfortable. The latter half of May and the whole of June and July are also good months in Jaffna and give a fairer impression of the average climatic conditions than any other months of the

year. December is also a good month in Jaffna. August and September are only less trying than March and April, while October and November tho pleasantly cool as a rule, are liable to be a very rainy time, as we then get the bulk of our rainfall for the year. I think that at least two weeks would be required for a thorough visitation of our mission including the time that would have to be given to meetings for consultation and deliberation. Of course ten days or even one week would be better than nothing at all, while three weeks would be better than two. We are not spread over a wide territory it is true, but our little field is compact and crowded with institutions and forms of work and peculiarities of situation, that require, and, we believe, will repay somewhat minute and careful study on the part of a deputation that would give us intelligent and helpful counsel.

The famous deputation of doctors Anderson and Thompson probably did less harm in Jaffna than in either of the Indian fields; but it was not an unmixed blessing even here; and there and here, an over-ruling providence has reversed its ruthless anti-English policy in a truly striking way. But then, that deputation was brought out by a "burning question" and came with its program cut and dried, and a repetition of its mistake would be hardly possible now.

We would suggest that the deputation come out direct to Colombo and visit Jaffna first proceeding thence to Madura and the Marathi country. This would be taking the three missions in the order of their mag-

nitude and would enable you to study first the little garden or experimental station of Jaffna, then the large farm of Madura and finally the immense ranch of the Marathi field, which would probably be the natural and appropriate order of investigation.

While you are here we shall be only too happy to have you for our guests and our distances are so short that the expense of traveling within our field would be a mere trifle. The journey from Colombo to Jaffna costs about rs. 3 for each individual a little more by land and a little less by sea, and Jaffna is always accessible from Colombo. The journey from either Colombo or Jaffna to Madura costs within 25 rupees for each adult. Usually a steamer is available from Jaffna to Negapatam about the end of January and another about the end of Feb. and a steamer will call in for a guarantee of 100 rupees in fares and at all events, one can always return to Colombo and crows over to India by the daily mail steamer to Tuticorin and thence by rail to Madura. The Madura brethren have an important meeting early in January and if you could do Jaffna in December and go on to them it would enable you to devote January to them and February and a part of March to the Marathi field and still get away before the heat became intolerable. It would take about three or four days from Madura to Jaffna or from Jaffna to Madura. It might take less than two for the direct journey under the most favorable conditions.

I have to report the minutes of our meeting at Manippai on the

30th of September. One important minute I copy verbatim. "Miss Myers" (being present with us) "having expressed a definite purpose to resign her connection with the mission and the Board and return to America in August 1898 it was voted that we ask the Prudential Committee to send out at once another young lady for Odooville Seminary, in order that she may be acquiring the language, and in order to make sure of Miss Howland's not being left alone at the station". I hardly need to enlarge on this request. Odooville is emphatically our head-center for Womans work. The starting of the English girls school makes it all the more important that it have an adequate staff of foreign laborers. Especially in the absence of any male missionary, there is more than work enough for a staff of three ladies at Odooville, what with the seninary proper, with more than 100 boarders, the training school of two classes, the English school of at least 8 classes, the large primary ver. school for girls at the station and the four large girls schools in the villages within a distance of two miles, and its staff of no less than 10 bible women within the same area of territory. Our vote however was to ask now for one more lady to be sent out as speedily as possible. Miss Howland is not exacting in her desires. She would prefer a normal school graduate with some actual experience in teaching to a brand new college graduate other things being equal, and such an one as she prefers would perhaps be less liable to disappointment in the work as she would find it here. It is very late and I will only add that Mr. Ratnam landed in Colombo on the 11th instant, and defer comment on

Miss Howland, Odooville, Jaffna, Ceylon

J. L. B.
Rec'd 12-6-97
Ans'd 15

Tillipally Jaffna Ceylon 22-10-'97

TO

Rev. J.L. Barton D.D.Sec.A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I have still to report to you some of the minutes of our mission meeting at Manippai on the 30th of September.We have already laid before you our great need of re-inforcement in view of the unexpected departure of the Howlands and of the approaching departure of the Smiths.We cannot understand how the Prudential Committee can for a moment hesitate to come to our relief.We have exchanged letters with Mr Wallace and with Dr. Jones of the Madura Mission in regard to the possibility of securing the transfer of the Wallaces to this field.While Mr. Wallace would have been glad to have come to Jaffna in the first place he naturally feels some hesitancy in regard to a change of location, and his position is one of some delicacy.Dr Jones expresses sympathy for us in our crippling need of re-inforcement, but, doubtless quite rightly, insists that they as a mission can do nothing to promote the transfer of one of their own staff to Jaffna--e.i. he leaves it entirely to those who appointed the Wallaces to Madura without solicitation on the part of that mission, to take the initiative, if they are to be transferred to Jaffna.We do not wish to take the Wallaces from that mission at the cost of provoking resentment or ill-feeling of any sort on the part of

any member of that mission; and yet it seems to us that as we must have somebody, the Wallaces are the ones who who would most naturally and appropriately be selected for this field. We therefore adopted the following minute a copy of which I am sending to Dr. Jones the secretary of that mission and to Mr. Wallace himself, It was unanimously resolved "that we definitly ask the Prudential Committee to transfer the Wallaces to this field, provided the Madura Mission is willing unselfishly and cheerfully to give them up to us, in view of our great need and of our special interest in them on account of his former connection with Jaffna College". Meanwhile we hear that the Jeffries are returning to Madura and probably the Washburns as well as the Chandlers so that the stations of that mission will be more than full; and, as it seems to us, it ought to be easier than ever for them to spare the Wallaces to us. We do not say that we would accept no others. We express our preference, which seems to us a reasonable one, and then we put ourselves in your hands and pray that the Lord may guide you aright in your choice for us. Meanwhile also your letter reporting the debt and suggesting that our mission may be given up has come to hand. I will not attempt to answer that letter now beyond saying in one word that we dont propose to be given up; and we dont believe that Providence has any such fate is store for us; and this with all due respect to the views of some members of the Prudential Committee! Their views are not un-natural but we are confident that only a consideration of the situation as a whole out here in needed for changing the

In a recent letter I reported to you a number of changes in the location of native agents voted at the meeting of the mission at Tillipally in July. I am happy to report that most of them have been successfully made, that Pastor I. Paul and wife are now very happily working on the islands of Pungerative and Valany where especial interest is expited among the people by Mrs. Paul's activity in going to evangelistic meetings with her husband and leading the singing with the help of their "baby organ". By the way they ~~be~~ bought this organ immediatly after marriage by saving for it five rupees monthly out of a total salary of only 20 rupees per month. In this connection please refer to our printed report for this yr and note what is there said of this pastors wife. I will try to send you with this a picture of herself and baby taken some years since as well as a print of the photo taken of the So. Erlarly church, pastor, &c, taken just before the Pauls left for the islands. Mr. Danforth who was transferred from Santillipai to So. Erlarly to take Mr. Pauls place is also working happily in his new field. The new appointment to Anicotta in the Manippai field was also a success and the new catechist at Tillipally is ~~also~~ happily a at work, but the transfer of the aged pastor (Stickney) from Udupitty to Santillipai has not been effected; and, feeling that we could no longer leave Santillipai vacant we decided to transfer one of the teachers of the Odooville female seminary to the evangelistic

work and locate him at Santillipai.Mr.Chas.Ratnaser is a graduate of the Training School and had some theological training as an assistant teacher in that school and as a member of a special cla whom Father Howland conducted through a limited course of study in ch. history,theology and homiletics while they were also engag in work as teachers or bible readers. He also served as a catechist for eight years at Panditeripo under the leadership of Pas Eliatamby now of Odooville church and he has been teaching in th seminary for over 15 years,while at the same time doing evangelistic work as a volunteer in evening meetings and on sundays. Miss Howland is willing to spare him from the school because a trained and certificated graduate of a training school can be se cured for less wages who will do better work in preparing pupil for the severer government, examinations of these days than can be expected of one who re ceiyed his training before the present system of normal training was introduced.Mr. Ratnaser's place will be filled by the promotio of some tried and successful headmaster of a dayschool.

The second master of the Training Sch. at Tillipally has recent ly resigned on receiving his warrant as notary public for the district of Tillipally.Mr. Edward Tilliambalam graduated from the Training School in the first class of the new series of which Al len Abraham of the staff of Jaffna College was a member and has been doing good service ever since as a teacher in the school,

excepting a short term of service as munshi to Mr. and Mrs Bell. As his lungs are not very strong he felt that it might not be well to remain permanently in the work of teaching and so got leave some three years since to qualify for the position of notary. The government is very exacting in its requirements of candidates for this office and two trips have to be taken to Colombo for the initial and final examinations which are very severe. In fact only graduates of this training school at Tillipally have been successful in passing the tests for Tamil notaryships the past five years (only four of our graduates have taken the tests and all four have passed). I am glad to have some chances for promotion to more lucrative positions of responsibility open to our teachers as it opens the way for promotion in the ranks of the teachers, and we have filled Mr. Tilliambalam's place by reappointing a former assistant in the school who has been serving for a time as a teacher of the Girls Boarding School of the Wesleyans, but who is very happy to come back on promotion to his own school. This young man, Solomon Vaitilingam, was appointed in the meeting at Manippai.

There is nothing farther to report of that meeting. The annual Convocation of our churches was held at Odooville this year on Thursday the 14th Oct., the great day of your meeting at home. Mr. Hastings was the chairman of the day. The attendance was

unusually large, there being at least a thousand at the morning session whil pastor Hunts insists that there were nearly 1200 by actual count. As usual in these days all but one of the five addresses were given by the native brethren, viz, on the important features of the work of the Board during the past year, by Pastor Abraham, on the new openings for Christian work in India through the plague and the famine, by lawyer Carpenter, on our native evangelical or home missionary society, by headmaster Christian of Udupitty G.B.S., on the right and duty of the foreign missionary to promote higher education in English by pastor Joseph of Jaffna College. This last was a really notable address. Rev. S. Veragatty the new headmaster of the Training School assisted Dr. Scott in conducting the communion service with which the meeting closed after a session of nearly four hours. It was worthy of note that all the native brethren who shared in the service were young men, three of them being graduates of the college, two of the training school and one of the high school at Batticotta. These large gatherings of our christians are full of interest and inspiration; and in the presence of such crowds it is not easy to realize that as yet, after all, barely one in a hundred of the people of our field are on the rolls of our church membership, and that the thought of the possibility of the triumph of Christianity has probably never entered the head of even one in ten of the people of the land. And yet it is proposed to consider the work of the foreign missionary done & and no more re-inforcements to our field.

I am in behalf of the mission faithfully yours Thos. Smith.

and Pastor Valapillai of Pandateripu had the opening

Jaffna Oct. 27, 97

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Tillipally 23rd Feb. 1898.

To Rev. J.L.Barton D.D.Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton,

I owe you an apology for the long delay in writing to you. I have been very busy with accounts, auditing, compiling statistics, writing up minutes &c &c; but I did not mean that my last official letters should be so long delayed.

I have to acknowledge your letters as follows: of the 17th.Nov. '97 covering appropriations from the A.B.C.F.M. for 1898, of the 26th Nov. in re your search for a trained nurse, the proposed deputation to the Indian missions and Miss Myers purpose to return home in 1898, of the 15th Dec. covering appropriations from the Womans Board of Boston and of the Pacific Board for 1898 and granting us permission to ask the Madura Mission for the loan of a member of that mission as a temporary arrangement for our relief, and of an early date in Jan.1898 covering appropriations from the W.B.I for 1898.

I have to report the minutes of two or three meetings of the mission. We usually have our preliminary meeting for passing the station accounts about the end of December; but I was unable to get my account books ready for the auditor as early as usual this year and then the dangerous illness of Arthur Scott made it impossible for Dr. Scott to attend to business for some time, so that it was the 22nd of January when we finally got together for

a regular meeting at Odooville. Meanwhile the annual meeting of our Ecclesiastical Body or standing council of the churches was held at Batticotta on the 30th of Dec. and at an informal meeting of the mission that afternoon the care of Odooville station was transferred to Dr. Scott and of Chavagacherry to Mr. Hastings that they might each take charge from the beginning of the new year. We also voted to allow Dr. Scott to charge to the American endowment fund of the General Medical Mission the expense for 1897 of training nurses.

The annual reports of the churches were very interesting, as indeed they always are. The total of admissions on profession of faith during the year was only 81 or no less than 39 less than in 1896. The increase in contributions from native sources was however very gratifying, the total (Rs. 0,176.14) being the largest ever reported. The total membership of our 18 churches is now 1846 and the average contribution per member was Rs. 5.75. I hope to forward with this a summary of the statistics of the churches for 1897 while the full statistical return will follow at a later date.

Dr Scott will doubtless have reported to you the severe illness of his little boy Arthur. There seems to be no doubt of the disaese being diptheria tho that has been almost if not quite unknown in Jaffna. The little boy's life was saved for the time being by Dr. Scott's plucky action in performing the operation of tracheotomy when death from strangulation seemed very near. The result seemed doubtful for many days but finally he began to rally and on the 24th of January they were able to remove with him to our sea-side bungalo at Urikadu with high hopes that all danger was safely passed, tho he rallied very slowly.

On Sunday the 14th of Feb. ~~little~~ Arthur had a little fever and on Tuesday paralysis of the reppiratory organs ,I suppose the most dreaded of the possible results of diptheria, came gradually on and on Wed. afternoon he passed quietly away.It seems very hard that after apparently winning in so hard a fight,human skill and parental love could not avail to keep the dear child with us still,but we know that God makes no mistakes and he can make even this sorrow a blessing to the parents who have lost their only and well-beloved son.It is the only death of a little missionary child that has occurred in Jaffna since I came out in 1871 and it is at least 40 years since the last death occurred among the children of this mission out here.The source of the disaese seems to be an utter mystery.

At the meeting at Odooville on the 22nd of Jan. besides passing the station and boarding school accounts the only important action was our vote to renew our request for the appointment of a single lady to succeed Miss Myers as associate principal of Odooville Female Seminary.Miss Myers persists in her purpose to go home next August and she has talked at times of leaving still earlier. She assigns no very definite reasons to us but simply says she has written to Dr. Barton that she will state her reasons in person on getting home.The brethren have certainly tried in every way to make her happy and contented in her work and Miss Howland has been most unselfish and considerate in all her relations with Miss Myers.We have let Miss M. carry out her own plans in reference

to the school even when we felt doubtful of their expediency and we have not insisted on her passing in Tamil tho the manual requires it, and she has always been cordially welcomed at all our homes so that we do not feel ourselves at all to blame for her persistent resolve to leave next year. Under the circumstances we feel that it would not be wise to try to keep her here against her will and as Miss Howland ought not to be left at Odooville alone we must urge the appointment of a new colleague for her at the earliest possible date.

When we heard through the Misses Leitch of two sisters, one of whom is a trained nurse and the other a graduate of Oberlin, it seemed to us that if those sisters were really suitable candidates their appointment one to Odooville and the other to Enuvil only a mile apart might be a most happy arrangement. The sooner a nurse and a colleague for Miss Howland can be sent the better, as the work at Enuvil cannot well be opened till Dr. Curr has an associate to go thither with her and if Miss Howland's new colleague can get here and get started a little in Tamil before Miss Myers leaves it will be a great advantage all round.

Your letter of the 15th of December in re reinforcement from Madura only reached me on the night of Jan. 22nd on my return home from the mission meeting at Odooville. It was already too late to bring the matter before the Madura mission at their meeting in January and so we took no action till our annual meeting at Udupitty on the 28th of January to pass the treasurer's accounts, make appropriations and reorganize for another year. At that meeting we voted to ask the Madura brethren to come to our help, assuring them that we would heartily wel-
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any one of them who was willing to come and whom the rest were willing to spare. I will enclose a copy of my letter as you may be interested to see our plea for help. I am very glad to be able to report that it was very kindly received and seems likely to result in Mr. Holton's coming to our help. He has just been over on a visit of inspection and has returned with the intention of coming over again, if his colleagues and his wife agree, early in March after, sending his wife and baby to Kodai, to be here during the last weeks of our stay and take over the work directly from me and then return to Kodai for six weeks or so and come back with his family at the end of May or the beginning of June. Mr. Holton made a happy impression while over here. We convened a special meeting of the mission at Udupitty on the 21st Feb. that he might have the chance to confer with us frankly and get a clear idea of the situation and know just what would be expected of him should he decide to come, and at that meeting, as Mr. Hastings will doubtless inform you, we voted that in the event of his coming he should be located at Tillipally and for the present have charge of Tillipally and Panditeripo and of the Training School with its industrial department. As Dr. Jones happily puts it, Mr. Holton is an enthusiastic industrial missionary and it is his aptitude for industrial work that leads us to feel that he should be placed at Tillipally while the Hastings would much prefer to remain at Udupitty. We feel that God's hand is guiding in this matter and I trust that the outcome may be, not only timely help for us, but a strengthening of the ties of sym-

sympathy and affection between the Madura mission and our own.

On auditing the treasurer's accounts we found that, as usual, we were under the amounts authorized under some heads and over in others, but, as we were well under the totals granted for general work both by the A.B.C.F.M. and by the Womans Boards we venture to hope that the details of debit and credit will be allowed to balance each other, as has usually been the case in previous years when we have not over run on the whole. The savings were on repairs and native agents and the principal over-runs on the boarding institutions owing to decreased government grants and greatly increased food expenses owing to the famine in India and the threatened failure of the rice crop in Jaffna in Feb. '98. Neither of these events could be foreknown or their effects avoided. In the case of the Training School the govt. grant was 232 rupees less than the previous year, and tho I tried to meet this loss by spending as little as possible for repairs and by availing myself of the removal of two old teachers as an occasion for a considerable reduction in salaries, it was impossible to keep within the sum appropriated; but the net debt of rs. 104.88 is only one cent more than the unexpanded balance of rs. 104.87 under repairs, and we venture to ask that the one may be allowed to cancel the other. The saving in repairs was owing to our resolute effort to keep down expenditure under that head to the lowest possible point. The saving of rs. 71 on bible women was caused by the retirement of one or two aged women and our inability to fill the vacancies at once and not by any permanent shrinkage in our requirements on that head. We venture therefore to ask that this balance may

be credited to the new school room of Udupitty Girls Boarding School on which a considerable debt still remains. These are the adjustments which we made in the accounts for 1897, subject of course to approval at home. Our heaviest saving however was on salaries of native agents and this was no less than 312 rupees and was caused as follows. One of the catechists at Tillipally left us in Nov. 1896 and tho a man was at once nominated for the vacancy whom we had all been wanting for years to transfer from teaching to evangelistic work, we decided, in making our appropriations in Jan. 1897, to defer the actual appointment till it should be evident that our appropriation as authorized for native agency would suffice for this appointment. Meanwhile the other catechist at Tillipally died in June and his successor, the candidate whose appointment was deferred, could not take up the vacancy till September so that a considerable saving was the result tho the work at Tillipally was much crippled thereby and we are still one man short on our staff at Tillipally. This, together with the transfer of one man t to the staff of the Medical Department, caused the unexpected saving, which again, be it remembered, is only temporary. Under the circumstances we ventured to assume that the Prudential Committee or the Secretary and Treasurer would allow this providential saving to be added to the sum granted for general work of the A.B.C.F.M for 1898 viz rs.4242 thus restoring something more than half of the reduction on our estimate for 1898 and making the sum available

for general work of A.B.C.F.M. in 1898 rs.4554; and we resolved to keep our appropriations as nearly as possible to this limit. In order to this we had to reduce the wages of Mr. Welch, the writer and general assistant of the ladies at Odooville, from rs. 12 to rs.8 and excuse him from the short afternoon service, as it was thought that this arrangement would meet the needs of the ladies for his services, and also to reduce the catechist at Odooville Mr Crossette from rs.15 to rs. 12.50 on account of increasing age and waning usefulnes and as several of his sons are in lucrative employment and able to help their father if he should need aid. We also voted to transfer ten rupees per month of the salary of the treasury writer and accountant to the College and the Board of Education or fund for supporting village schools, as a considerable portion of his services are devoted to financing those very considerable funds. With the help of these reductions we were able to keep our appropriations for general work A.B.C F.M. down to rs. 4558 or only four rupees over the limit which we had set to ourselves. You will note that we have appropriated rs. four hundred for the tiling of the verandah of Odooville house. This is the sum for which we asked in our estimates but the Womans Board of Boston granted only the probable equivalent in ~~rupees~~ dollars of rs.200

As nothing was written of any refusal of requests on the part of the Womans Boards I trust it was only an accidental omission on the part of one of the other boards of the other half of our estimate. We had had no experience when the estimate was made of the actual expense of laying a floor

in Calicut tiles and as only the appropriations of the W.B.M. of Boston had been received when we voted our appropriations it seemed best to appropriate what we had asked for. It now seems probable that the total cost of the job will not exceed rs.300 and I trust that the expenditure of 100 rupees above the sum granted by the W.B.M. of Boston will be allowed by one of the three boards, as the relaying of that verandah has become very necessary for the comfort of the ladies living in that house. I have put down the appropriation for Udupitty Girls Boarding School at rs625. If the value of the dollar for the year should average three rupees the $215 authorized will yeild rs.645; but as the last bill for 100 pounds sterling netted less than rs.500 I fear $215 will not yield more than the rs.625 which I have put down. I have put down my salary for three months but we expect to leave Jaffna before the beginning of April.

I am sure the Prudential Committee do not realize that there is as much reason for putting Jaffna on the five per cent reduction as Madura or indeed the Marathi mission. Our nominal salary is a little larger, but not our net salary after deducting the charges for rent and health traveling and medical fees, and the famine in India forces up prices of all sorts of produce even more here than there. Mr Holton on comparing notes with us was astonished to find that we had to pay more for meat, rice, milk butter and all sorts of produce than they have to pay in Madura besids paying a good deal more for all sorts of service than is paid

in either of the missions in India. Indeed I know that with the ten per cent reduction is is impossible for our family of practically six adults to keep within our salary allowances. All our children eat as heartily as adults. Their clothing probably costs a little less but the allowance for them even without the ten percent reduction is quite inadequate to meet the actual cost of feeding and clothing them so that tho my salary looks the largest I am probably really the most poorly paid missionary of the Board in all India & Ceylon. I do not write this as a complaint but that you may understand the situation. The injustice of the present system is still farther illustrated by the fact that the allowances for two young ladies living together is more than that for a man and wife and child - see our salary sheet in proof.

We - the Smiths - hope to sail from Colombo on the 5th of April. Of this I will write you more fully in a private letter. In view of my early departure Mr. Hastings has taken over the secretaryship and this is my last letter in that capacity. I wish to thank you for all the kindness and courtesy of your part of the correspondence and to ask your forbearance for all the imperfections of my letters. Please enter Mr. Hastings name as both secretary and treasurer and address all future correspondance to him. And now for the last time, in behalf of the mission,

I am sincerely yours,

Thos Snell Smith.

Dillingham & Hastings

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Tillipally Jaffna 28th Feb. '98.

Rev. Judson Smith D.D. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Smith,

One of our leading christian laymen, S. F. Carpenter Esq. of Odooville, the son of a native christian and himself a most earnest christian worker as well as a clever and influential lawyer, has been greatly interested in your paper, read at the last meeting of the Board, on the success of foreign missions. He offered to meet the expense of printing an edition of 100 copies (in English of course) at our Industrial School press but I told him I thought it would cost him less to order 100 copies of it from the rooms as I knew it had been printed as a separate pamphlet, and he asked me to ~~do so~~ order for him. If you will kindly have the ~~100~~ 15 copies sent out by post to his address as given above adding the words "Manippai p.o." and ask Mr. Wiggin to report the item to Mr. Hastings he will collect the ~~item~~ bill from Mr. Carpenter. I name Mr. Hastings as in all probability I shall have left Jaffna before the papers can arrive. I shall address this note to yourself or substitute so that in the event of your having already left for China it may be attended to without delay. Mr. Carpenter wishes these papers for distribution among his constituents and non christian friends and he hopes that some of them may be greatly profited by reading it.

Wishing you all success in the trip to the China missions and hoping that I may meet you again during my own approaching furlough, I am,

very sincerely yours Thos Snell Smith,

Rev. T. E. Smith

Chavagacherry 20th Mar. 88

Rev. J. L. Barton Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton;

I have been trying to get time for writing to you for some time but all in vain, so constant has been the pressure of accounts, packing farewell meetings, sermons & calls &c. For the last week at Tellippally every day has been full of interruption from callers, and on Sat. p.m. a farewell reception was given in the church presided over by Doctor (Solicitor) J. Clark Sangaranpillai of Odorville, and an address read by Doctor S. F. Carpenter also of Odorville, and attended by nearly 300 of the leading Christians of the churches of the American Mission. There was also the presentation of a nice watch which will be very useful as I have been without one for over a year. As we are having office at Jaffna the farewell services had to come some days before the de

Mr. Meriman Smith
Jaffna, Feb. 25 1887
Filed for reply

partners of the late detachment.
We i.e. the four children and myself came on here last night. Today all the congregations of the Chandgachung field viz the Vasany Church with reader Sevaiattayan, the Nunnaikh with Pastor Abraham and the Usan congregation with preacher Kitaicoch ~~at Usan~~ together with the station church under Pastor Parent united for a funeral service. I preached and aided Pastor Parent in giving the communion. The failure to get the Usan church organized and its building erected is one of my disappointments of the last year. But unfortunate quarrel about the site of this meeting house between the two leading young men of that congregation has delayed the building, but I hope the work will be accomplished this year. It was very pleasant to meet the people of this station again. I love them very much and the monthly trips (sometimes oftener) over here during the

past seven years have been among the pleasantest parts of my missionary service. It is an interesting field, far more fruitful in direct conversions from heathenism than any other station. Tomorrow morning I am to be another address I believe, and tomorrow afternoon Mary and the younger children are to take the coach for the south. I charter the whole coach for 80 rupees. This usually allows 3 passengers; but our two boys count, for this coach proprietor, as one. I may have to add Rs. 40 for our head servant who is going south then and without whom I will not let them go to this south. They are to stop one or two hours at Anarajapura the ancient "buried" now exhumed capital of the island, and are to spend a night with the Lapham's, Baptist English mis-

sionaries at Matale the rail way terminus 19 miles from Kandy. After a day at Kandy they are to visit Miss Jackson a planters daughter who was lately in Jaffna for a year acting for Miss Stevenson the principal of the Eng. Wesleyan girl boarding school and with whom we formed a very pleasant friendship. Her father has a tea-estate and they have long been pleading for a visit from us all before going home. Mrs. S. & I can't manage it but it will be very nice for the children to see a bit of the hill country of Ceylon. Mrs. S. and I leave Jaffna (D.V.) for Colombo on the 25 inst. in the S.S. Lady Gordon. This will compel us to wait nearly 10 days in Colombo but it is the last chance for getting to Colombo by sea before the 6th of April on which date the Ormuz is booked to sail. Fortunately the Heads of the Y.M.C.A have put their house at our service. We shall have our servant with us and our expenses will be less than half what they would be at a hotel. I hope to accomplish something in behalf of our school work & especially in behalf of the new building and plant of the Industrial School while in Colombo. The pressure of other work has made it impossible for me to give our attention to this but if I could have spent a few weeks in going about, I could have secured much more liberal aid.

Tamils subscribe easily; but heathen Tamils especially default their subscriptions even more easily; and the persistence which some wealthy subscribers to this object have shown in depriving and evading payment of their subscriptions has been a new revelation to me of the conscienceless mendacity of even devout Hindoos. On the other hand the manager of the great temple to Ganesh at Manipay of his own accord not only subscribed Rs 50, but sent me a messenger with the whole sum without being dunned. Nearly a thousand rupees subscribed have yet to be collected. Were I to be here it would mostly be paid up within a year or two; but as it is I am doubtful whether even half of it can be collected. I have no doubt however but what my colleagues will do all that they can to collect while I am away. As I wrote you in my last letter as Mission secretary, I believe, we are to sail from Colombo in the Orient of the Orient line. We plan to stop a little as we go along. The Orient

Company will allow us to stop over one steamer (2 weeks) in Italy without extra charge and through the Wesleyan missionaries at Naples and Rome we are arranging for inexpensive lodging in each of these cities for a week. The Orient do charge no more for a ticket through to London via Marseilles and Paris than for the entire trip by sea and carry our baggage through to London by sea without extra charge, whereas the Bibby line by which the Rowlands went, charge just as much to Marseilles as to London - We shall not charge the Board more than about £1 sterling per day for three days spent around or about what our daily allowance will be after getting to America. The children are at an age to greatly profit by such lounging by the way and I think that settles you on the point. We will expect to our three spending a few weeks around Marseilles the entire cost to the Board be no more than the usual

not to cause a hasty journey home in the usual way. We do not contemplate crossing the Atlantic 2nd last but we desire to have the children receiving proper as an important part of their education that we carefully look up with the view of 2nd last as far as it seems.

I wanted to add I see arrangements sanctioned in advance by yourself but it was only very recently that they were completed. The brethren of the missionary prove of them and as they will not involve much if any extra expense to the Board I trust they will meet with your approval. I am finishing this letter on the 28th of March the 27th anniversary of our marriage. On the 10th of May it will be 27 years since we sailed from New York. Of these 27 years we have spent exactly 18 months in the United States where we landed on the 28 of April 1886 after almost 25 years absence and whence we sailed again on the 28th of October 1887. I think you will agree that we have not taken an over allowance of furlough. We are very grateful to God for enabling us to spend so large a portion of these 27 years in active

plus of course our allowance to same date

service in the field and for permitting us to keep so many of our children with us for so long a time. It remains to be seen whether they have suffered permanent harm from it; but they seem wonderfully well & vigorous and it is worth a great deal to them to have had their home life till the youngest of them is nearly 13 years old. I was sent home before my 8th birthday & then with my parents some during their furlough from 1857-60. I never really had a home again. The remembrance of this homelessness nearly prevented me from becoming a missionary and when I finally gave myself to the work my senior year at College (Amherst '66) I resolved that, God helping me, I would keep my children with me as long as possible without certain injury to their mental & bodily growth, and I feel that He has been very good to us in this respect. The two boys have just taken the entrance or matriculation examination of the Calcutta University and the little lass has not been able to study as much, she has stored up a good deal of useful knowledge and experience. All four of the children have been in close sympathy with the Mission. Alice has long been "the little doctor" most unwearied in ministering to their sickness & especially to the wounds & bruises & putrifying sores, and the allusions to them in the addresses on Saturday were very grateful to us all. I must not weary you

Rev. F. S. Smith
5-6-98

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ORIENT LINE.

Nearing Naples 20-6-98

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton;

I am glad to report safe progress in our journey thus far. We have had very good mild weather & not one of our party has managed to be sick. It is two weeks to an hour now since we sailed from Colombo and we are to land at Naples tomorrow morning early. This letter will be posted ~~from~~ on board an hour hence and will go on with the mail which the Ormuz has been bringing from Colombo & which will go on

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time I am faithfully your
Thos Bell Smith

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Rev. Thomas Snell Smith

East Hampton Ms. 26-8-98

Rev. C. H. Daniels D.D. Home Sec. A.B.C.F.M. 333

Dear Dr. Daniels;

In reply to your favor of the 22nd on re Dr. Greive I must write you frankly that I dont think she would answer at all as a colleague for Dr. Curr. Dr. G. is several years older than Dr. C and yet the latter would be far more fit to be at the head while the elder lady would not work happily under the younger. Dr. G. came to Jaffna with bright prospects and received a most hearty welcome She did a good work at Chavagacherry and the Mission were unanimous ~~in~~ urgent in asking her to take Chavagacherry Varany, Atchuvely Udupitty and Valvetty including the populous sea-port of the same name as her field and she could have either boarded with the Hastings or Ld. who were very fond of her or could have kept house either in the big mission house at Chavagacherry or in the unused missionary study at

Udupitty with three rooms at her disposal and with the chance of going to the furnished "healt bungalo" at Urkadu about 2 miles from Udupit in the event of a needed change from Charaga cherry to the sea side. The climate agreed with her admirably so that while going twice a wo 12 miles from Odoville to Charagacherry she gained steadily in flesh and grew go youthful in appearance. She was very succes ful with her patients at Charagacherry an all the people whether Christians or heathen w eager to have her come but she turned awa from this wide and open door to spend ne a year in visiting a large number of pl of historic interest and many medical mi sions in India. As mission secretary I w her more than once pleading the cause of th Tamils but nothing would induce her to remain with us. I dont think they want her in Madura and I doubt the wisdom of her returning now to Jaffna even were she willing to go and I don believe she wold be willing to go. I think

Dr. G. is one of those women who wld do well alone but wld not work well with or especially under another. I trust however that you will not take any action either way till you have consulted the Scotts and the Hastings in Jaffna - They liked her personally better than we did and they could judge better on the ground and in personal relations with Dr. Curr as to the wisdom of making them colleagues. Dr. G., I think I should add, is very careful ~~about~~ about money matters going to the extreme of economy if not parsimony in the spending of her own money. She is diligent with those who dont agree with her; and when in Jaffna was very severe in her criticism of missionary boards and mission methods. Tho on a good salary from that "lady in New York" she was, when she occasionally went out for Dr. or Mrs Dr. Scott to see one of their out patients, very reluctant to pay over to the Medical Department the fees received for

such visit. I dont like to write more in disparagement of any ones fitness for missionary work; but I must say that I have lost my confidence in Dr. G's fitness for working in Jaffna or anywhere where consideration for others, a conciliating spirit, and generous unselfish concentration to whatever work God in his providence puts in ones hand are important qualifications for success. At the same time I believe Dr. G. to be a clever doctor and an able woman quite capable of taking care of herself and of bearing responsibility and attaining great professional & pecuniary success and I wish her all success in any suitable career. Please consult the Misses Leitch to I shall not mention the matter to them; but they know her well and will give you a candid opinion. I am sorry to have to act thus but ~~and~~ must honestly give my opinion.

Thanking you for your kind letter

I am, faithfully yours

Thos Snell Smith.

11-9-98

A copy of the important parts of our letter to the Madura Mission

Omitting quotations from Dr. Bartons letter and from the mission minute ~~Mr Barton gives the matter referred to by Dr. Bate~~ Dr. Barton's letter reached us too late for action at the meeting on the 22 Jan. but we took action upon it at our meeting on the 28th Jan. and it is that action which I have now reported to you. I am sorry that Dr. B's letter did not reach us in time for us to write to you before your meeting in January but we are not to blame for that. I wish to say in the first place that Dr. Barton evidently still fails to understand that our greatest need and strongest desire is not for a new or another man for the college but for another missionary to reside at Tillipally or exchange residences with Mr. Hastings and share with him the tripple burden which must devolve upon him as soon as I leave. It is true that we asked Henry Fairbank to come to the college but that was because of Dr. Howland's urgent desire to have his place filled at once. Another missionary in the college would be useful; but Mr. Hitchcock is doing admirably as acting principal and Elmer is also developing well and it is far more important that we have one man at Tillipally than that we have 3 at Batticotta. We are of one mind on this point and when we asked the Prud. Com. for Mr Wallace we asked for him not for the college but for the mission.

In view then of Dr. Barton's intimation that the Prud. Com is willing to have one of your number transferred at least temporarily to this mission

we venture to ask you to come to our help by sending us one of your members either as a permanent gift or as a loan for two or three years, and we assure you that we are ready to cordially and contentedly welcome any one of you who is willing to come and whom the rest are willing to spare for the Master's sake. We ask in his name and we entreat you not to refuse our request before sending a delegate to personally examine the situation and weigh the greatness of our need and of your opportunity to share our burden and so fulfil the law of Christ.

The mere enumeration of the various responsibilities which Mr. Hastings will have to meet alone after my departure, if one of you does not come to his help, ought to show how great the need is. He will have sole charge of six stations with 14 of our 18 churches, two of them without native pastors, 18 out stations, 18 catechists, 3 bible colporteurs, 37 bible women, besides Batticotta Eng. High School with over 300 pupils and 12 more teachers, Tillipally Training Practising and Industrial Institution with 70 boarders and over 80 day scholars, a staff of 7 teachers and 4 industrial foremen, Udupitty Girls Boarding School with over 50 pupils, 4 English day-schools, and 110 vernacular day-schools with over 225 teachers and nearly 5000 pupils, not to mention the duties of mission secretary and treasurer and the burden of frequqnt correspondence with Director of Public Instruction &c &c &c..

kow I have no doubt that each one of you can find more than enough to do where you now are, and I know it will involve sacrafice and self-denial to respond to our appeal for help; but surely our need is now greater than yours. You can not all be so urgently needed in Madura as

one of you is evidently needed in Jaffna. Have not our field, our people, our mission as such special claims upon you for sympathy and help? The people and the language are one: all your original missionaries were the gift of Jaffna to Madura: the missions were once one: in later years we have repeatedly contributed to your re-inforcement: our staff has at least twice been recruited from yours (my mother and Mrs. Hitchcock): will you not then contribute from your abundance to our great need at least for a little while that the burden laid upon Mr. Hastings may not prove altogether too heavy to be borne?---

See postscript

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Surely

A copy of the post-script to my letter to Dr. Jones.

In my official letter I have written nothing of the opportunities for evangelistic work in our field but it should be remembered that the whole population is open to our efforts, and that no form of Christian effort is more in need of missionary leadership, or would yield better results under such leadership than this. To Mr. Capron it was the most attractive feature of our field when he visited Jaffna about 1866 or so. A special feature of our evangelistic work is the fact that even tho the missionary may have to spend his days in office or educational work the very best opportunity still remains in the large audiences that can be gathered in any sch. bungalo in the moonlight evenings of every month, scarcely any of these bungalos being more than three or four miles of macadamised road away from the mission house at which the missionary may be living or stopping, while the facilities for visiting from house to house are equaly great, and at nearly every house the missionary is sure of a kind reception and a respectful hearing.

Then too, if the methods which have become habitual to us should seem unwise, it may be that one coming from another field would be able to introduce better methods and secure greater results.

Nor do I believe that such an one on going back to Madura, if indeed he must go back, would find his Jaffna experience other than helpful to him in his subsequent work in his old field.

We feel that all fellow missionaries should be one with us in the conviction that it would be most unwise for the Board to withdraw

from Jaffna now. The more insignificant we are in comparison with larger fields, the less excuse for refusing the one man and the little money still needed in addition to what we now have for effectively pushing the work to a really successful conclusion. In the interests of the larger Indian missions themselves, and as a sort of experimental station where the power of Christianity to supplant organized hinduism in a genuine hindu community of almost exclusively a "caste people" ought to be demonstratable more quickly and easily than any where else, and where Christianity has already acchieved for itself a position of tolerance, influence and real power that is quite unique, the Jaffna work ought to be pushed with the utmost vigor.

We long to have you feel this and to have you make our cause your own, as it certainly is, and not at all another, a rival, or an alien one. I must not weary you with overurgency urgency. We put ourselves in your hands and we pray God to lead you to the decision which he desires.

I am,

faithfully yours,

Jas. Small Smith

Important paper letter to the Madura mission

Rev. F. S. Smith
7-16-98

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Rev. J. L. Barton D.D. See A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton;

I thank you very much for your kind letter to my wife on the death of dear Father Fairbank. We have greatly prized the privilege of having him near us in our visit to Kodaikanal. I knew him far better than I ever knew my own father and we have tramped together all over those hills and have always had most intimate fellowship with each other. He never seemed to grow old in spirit at least and was a universal favorite.

We are just off for Easthampton scholar four of the children preceded us two days since. I enclose this in a letter to Mr. Wyckoff and will write again soon. Very cordially yours

Thos. Fairbank Smith

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Rev. J. L. Barton D.D. Sec A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr Barton

I shall be grateful if you will read carefully my letter to Jas. Higgin of the same date.

If I can be of any help in raising funds for the Board in this western part of this state or elsewhere during these closing months of the financial year I hope that you & Dr Daniels will set me at work. My digestion has so far improved that I think I can safely undertake Sabbath duties at least any other work.

I am yours in haste

Thos Snell Smith

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Eastpampton 12/9/98

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D., Sec ABCFM

Dear Dr Barton;

It will give me much pleasure to write a report of our Mission for last year for you if you will send me a copy of the Circular sent & the Christian's Tics both of which I send you by the same post.

I was unable to get all the reports of my Jaffna translated and any such report written before leaving Jaffna. tho I tried to accomplish it during these ten days of waiting in Colombo So I sent the papers all back to Jaffna by my writer who went with me to C. and with whom I worked all that I could till the very day of sailing. Probably Mr. Hastings, who was to prepare the report this year has been

too overwhelmingly busy to get it off at the usual time. If I have the two papers referred to alone I shall be able to prepare a brief report and will undertake to get it off to you before the end of the week.

While I have been writing this your kind favor of the 10th inst has come to hand. I am very grateful for the invitation to attend the meeting at Grand Rapids. I have attended 7 meetings of the Board at Springfield in '62, Worcester in '64, Pittsfield '66 Providence I think '68 or it was New London, Brooklyn '70, Des Moines '86 and Springfield '87 but never before at the expense of the Board. Indeed I never knew before that missionaries were ever thus favored. Mrs. Smith says she that nothing would tempt her to go but I am sure the journey would do her great good and we can easily leave the children with Mary

but I do fear we cannot spare the money for her fare: but if the Lord wants her to go I am sure he will provide the money and incline her heart to it as well. I asked Mr. Swift to have a copy of the Herald sent to me but none has come as yet. I presume I can learn from that the cost of a ticket there and back and of course it will give the names & addresses of the Com. of Arr.

Our Emily returned last week to her work at Fitchburg and this week Virgie returns to Mt. Holyoke

Eddie Allen and Bertie are already hard at work in the junior middle class of Williston Seminary — Bertie in the Classical and Allen & Eddie in the "Latin Scientific" department.

Mary will review her studies as she is able and perhaps attend some lectures at Smith College, and do tutoring as the chance may offer either here or in Northampton. I have been asked

to represent the work of the Board before the Church in Hatfield was on the last Sunday in Sept., and have referred the letter to Dr. Daniels, who will I trust authorize the arrangement.

I took my wife with me to see the Coles at Northampton and had a very pleasant chat with them. We had not met since we graduated at Amherst in 1866!

I have not heard yet how the year ended financially and am anxious to know as soon as possible what the debt is, if indeed debt there must be.

Thanking you again for the very welcome chance to attend the annual meeting, I am,

Faithfully yours
Wm Frew Smith

P. S.
Please have 2 gross of official paper sent to me W.F.S.

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Dr. Barton and of a few colleague for Mori Bas. land?

What the response of an assistant for Mori Bas.

Easthampton 20-9-1898

To Rev. J. L. Barton D. D. Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Barton

I am getting the report into shape with the help of the tabular view. It would be a help to have by me for reference the file of my letters to you during the year 1897 and if you could add any letters from the other members of the mission reporting their work it would be even more helpful than the letters from me. Will it answer if I get the report off to you on Saturday of this week? or must it be despatched even earlier? Unless instructed otherwise I shall send it written on one side only of half sheets of the official paper Please mention also any space limits which you wish me to observe.

I have written Mr. Scott as I think it was Mr Higgin asking directions about the trip to Grand Rapids If it is permitted to do so without extra expense I would like to start early and spend the first Sunday in October with some cousins in Jamestown New York or with ~~my~~ some friends in Oberlin Ohio. Hoping to get your reply and especially that letter tomorrow evening, I am

faithfully yours

Fis Snell Smith.

Easthampton,

Sept. 20/98

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East Hampton 24-9-98

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D. Sec'y

Dear Dr. Barton.

Herewith the report enough of it such as it is — I ~~cannot~~ have due this paper with Med. Mission matter from the Misses L. which you may like to quote from but we I had no time to digest as I must be off at once to catch the train which I planned to go to Hatfield above I am to preach the anniversary tomorrow. I want to add a plea for ~~the~~ not gradually our mission but healthy it to graduate itself but could not do it to send today will try to put it from Hatfield on Monday morning — trying for patience in deciphering my hasty pages which I have no time to read over prune etc or correct ~~and~~ I am

faithfully yours

Stephen Salisbury

P.S. I venture to keep the Abraham over but return the letters — Please return to me the Medical matter from the Misses L.

Easthampton, Sept. 24, '98

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East Hampton Ms. 23-9-1898

Rev. E. H. Daniels D.D. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Dr. Daniels—

I have just heard from Mr. Wiggin that no stop-over privilege are allowed to those going to the meeting of the Board near at Niagara, and I write in haste to know whether I can be detached for any service in Illinois after the meeting of the Board. I have a brother Rev. Wm. H. Smith in Aurora now a market gardener and as opportunity offers a volunteer home missionary in the region round about whom ~~I~~ I have not seen for 12 years and who cannot attend the meeting at Grand Rapids. He writes me urging me to visit him and saying that he can provide full work for me for two Sundays in presenting the cause of missions to churches in Aurora & suburbs if I can stop over for that length of time. I cannot afford the trip at my own charges and write to enquire whether a part or the whole of my fare from G.R. to Aurora ~~or~~ to Chicago and thence back to East Hamp-

too could be allowed if Mr. Whitcomb could make use of me elsewhere for a few weeks longer I should be glad to be used and there is a wide circle of my wifes relatives in Jacksonville Ill. and recently who would be very glad to have me sent into that region. I do not ask for exceptionally favorable treatment but there can be no harm in laying the facts before you that you may act as seems best in view of them – Can you tell me about what will be wanted of me at Grand Rapids?

I am going tomorrow to Hatfield to preach the same morning and coming to the Congregational Church in that place and if I am still here am to address the Y. M. C. A. of ~~the~~ Williston Seminary and the Pastor of the Cayan Church Mr. Hamlin has asked me to address his people on the forenoon of some sunday probably in December –

Hoping to hear from you in due time

I am

Faithfully yours

Chas. Shull Smith –

E. Tompkins Esq.
Sept 28 1888

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METHODIST CHURCH
MILWAUKEE. Milw. 10-10-98

Rev. Wm. Daniels D.D. Home Secretary

Dear Daniels,

I had a very large audience yesterday morning at Dr. Ide's church on Grand Avenue and had the privilege of addressing a small but very attentive company of young people at Dr. Ide's meeting Endeavorers meeting in the evening - His evening service had been promised to a lecturer on Mahomedanism or he asked me he would have gladly given me that larger opportunity - I have been trying both pastors to get their churches to unite in supporting one man on the field. Mrs. Ide is specially interested in the foreign work and I trust all the Eng. churches of this city will be stirred up to take an active part in the forward movement. This one church is well able to support a man in the foreign field if the woman's board would only

Wrote to each church in Chicago & asked pastor & Sec'y to get subscriptions for Chicago

provide the wifes half. many more churches could be induced to take on the support of a missionary family the men pay the mans half the womens auxiliaries the wifes portion and the sunday schools and the endeavors looking out for the children. The womans boards have drawn so heavily on the ordinary gifts of the churches i.e. so many men who used to give more or less liberally to the A.B.C.F.M. now give little or nothing to the W. B. M. because their wives are giving perhaps a moiety of what they themselves used to give to the A.B.C.F.M. that much of the shrinkage in the general income of the Board must thus be accounted for, and it was only fair for the Womans Boards to take up the support of the married women. I mention this because I find this source of shrinkage in the general gifts of the churches is often alluded to as a fault with the pastors.

Rev. T. S. Smith
10-28-98

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Aurora Ill. 25/10/98

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr. Barton;

Miss Howland has written my wife that Miss Myers was planning to leave Colombo on the 4th of November in a German steamer for Hongkong enroute to Seattle I believe. I thot you would want to know this if Miss M. has not herself informed you. I have written also to Mrs. Moses Smith about this. Miss Howland ought not to be left there all alone

Kept this from Mr Smith as I had written him as soon as I heard that you was expecting that Miss Myers would be in Hongkong. Hastily yours
J. L. Barton

any longer than is ~~possible~~
absolutely necessary—
Opportunities for presenting the
Cause to important churches have
so opened before me that Dr Hal-
cock wants me to give up my
expectation to return to Cadham
for Thanksgiving and I now plan
only to get home for Xmas - Am to
leave tomorrow morning for an Ap-
pointment at Paxton Ill on the 26th &
on to Jacksonville for the next Sd
and then perhaps the 1st two Sundays
in Nov. at Godfrey Alton & perhaps
even St Louis & then back for
3rd & 4th Sundays at Evanston &
La Grange Ill. and then on to Mich
Ohio and Western N. Y. enroute for home
~~Now about estimates for our missions for~~
1899? Do you get home from Hastings?

partly to visit my dear friend Dr. Burnham and present the cause of missions in his church and partly to consult a surgeon Dr. H. H. Mudd as to my health.

Dr. Mudd examined me yesterday and he confirms the opinions of two doctors who had previously examined me that I am suffering from an internal tumor, probably sarcomatous, already too far advanced and attached to too many vital or important organs, (the liver, the intestines the mesentery &c) to allow any probability of successful removal or even to justify an exploratory operation with a view to determining the possibility of removal. It is impossible to say how long this tumor has been forming. Probably for several years

I only observed it as something unquestionably abnormal while at my brother's in Aurora Evidence; but it explains many symptoms that have puzzled me for a long time. My "doctors ought to have discovered it long since" says Dr. Mudd, but why should I blame them as even had it been discovered it might not have been removable even from the first.

There is just one chance for dealing directly with a sarcomatous tumor and that is by injecting certain substances into the tumor itself. Some brilliant successes have been recently reported in that line & Dr. Mudd advises me to go to Dr. W B Coley of New York who has been the most successful in such work or to Dr. Morris

Richardson & Dr. Arthur Abbot of Boston who have also done similar work successfully.

All three of the doctors protest against my surgery at my engagements for speaking out here till Xmas time and urge my early return home. They say occasional addresses may do no harm but that I should carefully avoid all serious strain and live as quietly and regularly as possible. I should not however give up my program but for the season of the year. The fact that it is quite possible perhaps even probable that it may be my last chance to spend a Thanksgiving with my family it seems to me makes it my duty to return to them. I have therefore written to Dr. Kalkhoff to cancel my remaining engagements in the vicinity of Chicago - viz and Dr Loba

for Nov. 20th at Evanston & Dr. Bushnell Nov. 27 at La Grange and have written to Dr. Brand that I will be with him for the former date. The 20th I plan to spend in Jamestown N. Y. I had thought of going to New York before going home but think it may be better not to attempt that. I shall however consult Dr. Creegan about it. It is impossible in the practical absence of any accurate life history of the beginning & growth of the tumor to forecast its future progress. It may be years it may be only months in doing its fatal work. The proposed treatment may possibly cure it even yet. If successful at all it will surely retard it but it may make it worse. It is impossible but by trial to determine certainly whether it is a sarcomatous tumor or not. Will you kindly allow the Misses Leitch to see this letter. I have not written to my wife in any way to alarm her & so please let your

I cannot sufficiently express my thanks to Dr. Brand

J. L. B.
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Rev. T. S. Smith 345

Lo L. 8-11-98

Dear Dr. Baker

May I return once more to the question of allowance. It seems impossible to keep within the $110.88 which is all allowed us now. I have had 3 chances to supply for pay in the past six weeks owing to my being on duty out here. I prefer that duty immeasurably but the money is verly needed. Then to the sense of injustice in the refusal to accept or grant my request for permission to have in the Rs. 700 which I saved to the Board by coming 2nd Class rambles. Even if the whole balance against my travelling acct had been allowed

My expenses home would have been exceptionally low.

Under the circumstances will not the Financial Com & the Bud. Com. restore our monthly allowance to the whole $129.+ but to $125 from the month of Nov. i.e. the payment due about the 21st of this month paying on the rest of the debt on Darling.

If they will do it will lift a great burden from my heart and make the problem of each month less easy. Earnestly praying for some relief I am

Faithfully yours

Thos. S. Smith

J. I. B.
Rec'd 11-16-98.
Ans'd 17

Rev. T. C. Smith

Oberlin - 14 - 11 - 98

Dear Dr. Barton;

Your very kind letter the 11th inst was waiting for me when I reached Oberlin on Sat p.m. I thank you for its good cheer. I mean to keep up hope to the end and there undoubtedly are some hopeful features of the case I suffer no pain and now that the indigestion and diarrhoea are held in check I feel more vigorous - and seem to me to be gaining rather than losing ground. I am staying here for 2 or 3 days to get well acquainted with that Mr. Dickson and see what can be done towards securing his support from the Y.M.C.A. of Ohio if he proves to be the man

to go out to the Training & Industrial
School - I may go to Dayton
Columbus & Cincinnati before
my on to Cleveland & Jamestown
Am booked for the City pulpit
at Jamestown for next Sunday
If you have a ~~report~~ any thing deff
to report to each one at Jamestown New
to next Monday evening please send
along care of Rev. Elliot C. Hall -
i.e. I expect to go on on Tuesday
127 Forest Avenue — After that a
please enclose to Rev. Jos. Sawyer.
East hampton Mass with a note to
him asking him to deliver it to me p
sonally - I wold like to come to Boston
Dr. R. or go to N.Y. to Dr. Coley as
as practicable after spending Thanksgiv
at home - say on the following Monday
28th of November if you approve. I add
the S.S. and the Endeavors here yesterd
Hope to meet the St. Volunteers & also Ward
this week - Am going now to Mrs. Rogers

I am very gratefully yours - Thos. Dwight Smith

12-6-98

Plea for Ceylon Mission.

By Rev. T. S. Smith, M. A., of Tillipally,
Jaffna, Ceylon.

I wish to endorse most cordially the plea presented by the Misses eitch in their booklet "Ceylon a key to India" but would like to call pecial attention to the following points:

I admit at the outset that, looking merely at area or populat-on in comparison with the missions in India, we have already our full hare of men and money; but it should be remembered that this comparison s not fair to Ceylon, because the density and homogeneousness of our opulation, the advanced state of the work and the entire openness and ccessibility of the whole population as hopeful subjects of evangelistic ffort, justify and indeed demand a more liberal expenditure in men and eans.

It may be true that some single stations in Madura have a wider rea and a greater population than the entire field of the Ceylon Mis-ion, but in none of these stations is the entire population open to re-ultful labor. The conversions come almost exclusively from one or two f the lowest strata of the population, or rather from the unstratified utcasts, debris of the aboriginal populations who are not properly indus and are quite without the pale of Hindu society, and who comprise ut a small part and that the least important part of the population.

In Jaffna on the other hand we have practically but one stratum, he farmers, and fishers who are the farmers of the sea, with a few rahmins to serve as priests and a few artizans, ex-slaves, and outcast etainers to serve their practical masters in their respective menial apacities while living as a rule as squatters on the lands of those ith whom they have this hereditary connection.

Again this dense homogeneous high caste population has been for early 400 years in intimate attrition with one form or another of hristian rule; for 150 years under the Portugese who compelled the hole population to receive Christian baptism, and organized them into he parishes with glebes and churches and priories which are he originals of the stations and out stations of to-day; and then for nother 150 years under the Dutch, who would give no employment or pat-onage except to those who professed Protestant Christianity; and now or nearly 100 years under the English with their Christian laws, their ecognition of the Sabbath and their resolute ignoring of caste distinct-ons in Government conveyances and offices, so that Hindu caste, the reatest of all obstacles to the progress of Christianity among genuine indus anywhere in India, has practically ceased to exist in Jaffna as a religious institution, and as such a serious obstacle to the accept-ance of Christianity. Practically therefore every house is open and every man is a hopeful subject of evangelistic effort.

Then too the remarkable developement of our educational work justifies and demands a seemingly disproportionate missionary force. In this little Benjamin of the 29 missions of the American Board we have, on a practically self-supporting basis, the un-matched educational system of 140 day schools, with over 300 teachers, nearly all of them trained Christian men and women; and nearly ten thousand pupils, more than nine-tenths of whom come from heathen homes, so that we have in fact the bulk of the children of the heathen population in our Christian schools.

Add to these The Female Seminary and (English School for girls at Oodooville with its more than 125 boarders; the Girl's Boarding School at Udupitty with its 50 boarders; the Training Practising and Industrial School at Tillipally, with over 150 pupils about half of whom are boarders; and the Jaffna College at Batticotta affliated with Calcutta University to the degree of B. A., with an average membership of 150 boarders, to say nothing of the men and women in training for medical work at Maneppai and Ernuville.

This whole system costs the Board only two hundred and the Woman's Board less than three hundred dollars per year in the way of appropriations from its ordinary income for educational work; but it imperatively demands the presence on the ground of at least four ordained missionaries located at the four centers of Batticotta, Maneppai, Tillipally and Udupitty. The English College and preparatory High School at Batticotta, the newly expanding medical work at Maneppai with its dispensaries and hospital with separate buildings for men and women, the Normal and Industrial institution at Tillipally and the Girl's Boarding School at Udupitty, are the immovable reasons for resident foreign missionaries at each of these four centers. The remotest points Batticotta and Udupitty are only 18 miles apart, and the four are so knit together by macadamized roads, daily mails and telegraph, that the four are not unlike one central station of one of the larger missions of India or further Asia. Oodooville with its Female Seminary is not mentioned as an additional center, because it has been given over to the Woman's Board and because it is so near to Maneppai, 1 1/2 miles only, that the missionary resident there can easily take charge of its churches and schools.

This whole educational system ~~nets~~ rests financially to a great extent on the liberal and untrammelled grants-in-aid from the Government to the schools, but the Government insists that the schools must be under missionary managers, and is not content with one missionary manager for the whole field. I served for several years as manager for all the schools under a native Board of Education but the Government requirements have become increasingly strict, and they practically insisted that each missionary should manage the schools of his own district, and that at least four centers with a separate missionary manager for each were necessary in their judgment for the efficient up-keep of the schools.

Again it should be remembered that these schools are all valuable evangelistic agencies. Every group of from six to twelve of them is centered about a self-supporting native church, whose pastor is the responsible sub-manager of that group of schools which constitute the out-stations of his parish, nearly every one of which has been carefully located in a territory of its own with a population amply capable of furnishing a vigorous self-supporting church whenever even one ~~or two~~ tenth of its people become truly Christian.

These four missionaries should be ordained men ~~because of~~ in order to their thorough equipment for evangelistic work. The native pastors and the evangelists and teachers need and desire missionary leadership.

This was the one message committed to me by them, a plea to the American churches not to withdraw their beloved missionary leaders nor the small grant for evangelistic work still needed for a time at least in order to the efficient prosecution of the work.

I need not dwell on the point so well emphasized in the very title of the pamphlet, "Ceylon a key to India", beyond suggesting the promise for the future involved in the very remarkable facts that these 1800 Christians have achieved self-support while they get number but little more than one in a hundred of the population. What may we not hope for when a tenth of the people are aggressive consistent Christians:

One point more I wish to emphasize: The very smallness of our field is a strong point in my plea. We need so very little that it is not worth while incurring the odium and the risk of attempting to economize at the expense of the best interests of the work in Jaffna as judged by those who best know the situation there, and that very little will go so far, with all the auxiliary agencies available there, that every dollar will do the work of at least ten dollars in almost any other field.

Again not only as a key to India but as an experiment-station for the actual demonstration of the power of Christianity to supplant Hinduism as an organized system and society, the work in Jaffna should be pushed forward with all vigor in the interests of the larger fields in India. That power has not yet been demonstrated anywhere in India. Even with only one per cent of the population in the churches in Jaffna, Christianity has achieved a position so unique that in coming from India to Jaffna it seems almost like coming into a Christian land. The Hindus of India confess this by calling all Jaffnese Christians, and compelling pilgrims from Jaffna to undergo purification before allowing them access to their more sacred shrines. And yet I doubt whether even one fourth of the people of Jaffna have got awakened to the possibility even of Jaffna becoming a Christian country, and a tremendous struggle undoubtedly awaits our churches and schools when the aggressive heathen party realize that Christianity is becoming generally triumphant.

Herein lies the peril of the premature with-holding of men and women from the field. If the graduation of the Mission to the Sandwich Islands,-where, in a population one fourth of that of the Ceylon Mission field, a population which had thrown away its idols before the arrival of the missionaries and where there was no organized system of religion or civilization to oppose Christianity and after nearly a third of the people had become Christians, and in a climate and environment that allowed the children and grand children of the missionaries and other new arrivals from the American churches to settle in the community and become the back bone of church and state, while missionaries in far greater numbers than Jaffna could ever hope to retain still remained on the ground and in vital relation with the churches,-if, I say, with all these advantages, the graduation of that mission proved disastrously premature, how much greater will be the peril of repeating that mistake in Jaffna.

The fact is the Jaffna Mission is already graduating itself as rapidly as is consistent with the best interests of the work there, and in this graduating process the churches at home have rendered and can still render most valuable aid.

The endowment of its educational agencies is the true graduation of each mission. The churches will take care of themselves. Church endowments are as great an evil abroad as at home, but endowment funds are a great boon to educational agencies.

The Jaffna College is already provided for, and, with a foreign staff of principal and two or three assistants, it can even relieve the Board of the need of supporting a missionary at Batticotta, by allowing its Principal sufficient leisure to be truly a missionary as well and accepting Batticotta and its dependencies as the missionary field of the College staff and the College agencies for aggressive Christian work.

The Female Seminary at Oodooville had a fair local endowment before nearly half of it was lost in the failure of the Oriental Bank. This loss of nearly $3,000 should in some way be restored. The Douglas legacy provides a fair local endowment for Udupitty Girl's Boarding School i.e., an endowment that will yield a fair provision for all its expenses besides the salary of a missionary principal.

The Normal and Industrial Institution at Tillipally has as yet no such provision. It greatly needs an endowment of twenty-five thousand dollars. Five thousand of this should be invested in completing the building and the plant of the Industrial department; five thousand should be left uninvested as a floating capital for the efficient management of the necessary industrial and commercial enterprises of the various departments of the industrial establishment; and fifteen thousand should be invested for the support of a foreign Principal for the school who should be a man well trained in normal and technical work. An added clause to the charter of the Board of Trustees for the American endowment would enable them to take charge of such an endowment for the institution at Tillipally. The Principal might be thus appointed, and with him could be associated a local advisory committee of missionaries and natives to assist him in the conduct of the industrial department of the school, or the fund could be under the direct control of the Board itself as one of its endowment funds.

The mission has repeatedly acknowledged the need of such a lay associate to the missionary at Tillipally. If the College at Batticotta needs a staff of three American instructors, this Normal and Industrial Anglo-Vernacular institution needs even more to have a principal of its own who shall be at liberty to devote himself principally to the school. The secretaries have acknowledged the desirability of such an appointment, provided the funds for it could be provided without an added burden to the usual budget of the Board. The proposed endowment would provide the ways and means for the support of such a man.

Now that in the providence of God my return has been made seemingly improbable, a young man of peculiar fitness for just this position has been providentially pointed out and attracted to the work so that he is ready to go. Pledges for his support for a term of years, during which the proposed endowment can be built up, can probably be secured without depleting in any way the ordinary income of the Board. This young man is a graduate of the University of Michigan in its classical and scientific departments, and has had three years experience as a mechanical and electrical engineer and three years of training in

various forms of city missionary work. He seems to be an ideal candidate for just such a position and the position seems to be as remarkably adapted for a man with just the training which he has secured. His name is Mr. J. H. Dickson. He is at present taking a special course in theology at Oberlin, Ohio.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Prudential Committee and the secretaries for all their kindness to me and my family in the long period of our connection with the Board. I still cherish the hope of accomplishing something for the dear cause in the months that may remain, and I beseech your approval and co-operation in this effort to put upon an enduring foundation of its own this institution, the building up of which has been the most distinctive feature of my life work.

Thomas Snell Smith.

minute is equally defective - "and also money for the endowment of the school at Tellipally". This does not specify that it is held be a fund for the endowment of the principalship of the Training and Industrial School. As now worded the funds I raised might be simply taken for the ~~normal~~ Training school merely and ever be made an excuse for cutting off the present appropriation of $200 annually (Rs. 600) for the boarding establishment and ordinary native teaching staff of the Training School. The proposed endowment is to be primarily for the support of a qualified master for the Industrial School but he would also relieve the Tellipally missionary of the care of the

normal department as well. As now worded the resolution would allow and indeed invite an interpretation which would entirely defeat the intent of my request and simply unload upon me the support of the one missionary at Tillipally and the present grant to the Training School.

In view of the fact probably in store for me it is all-important that this resolution should be clear & definite guarding the funds to be saved from diversion to ends other than those for which they were given. I am sorry to criticise the wording of the resolution but really I have no heart to undertake to merely relieve the Board of the support of a missionary at Tillipally. The terms of my request seem plain enough - and I do hope the Prud Com will be willing to make it clear on this record that they accept the plan for an additional missionary for Tillipally to be the lay principal for the school to be supplied for the present by special subscriptions & ultimately by the "Foundation for the promotion of science & theology in the Training and Industrial School" ~~by the~~ at Tillipally Jaffna Ceylon -

Hoping that you can soon relieve my anxieties on this point and thanking the Committee as well as yourself for the kind expression of sympathy and approval and also renewing my pledge to guard carefully against the diversion of funds from the ordinary receipts of the Board to this special object,

I am, faithfully yours Thos Snell Smith

Rev. J. S. Smith, 2-4-98
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West Gardner 23-12-98

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr Barton

Thank you very much for your letter enclosing Sizah's photograph and other letters and conveying the minute of the Bd. Com-

May I call your attention to the fatal indefiniteness of that minute. It simply says "for the support of of a missionary to be sent to the Ceylon Mission" No vote merely was needed for this merely. My request was for permission to solicit pledge for the support of a lay or sister a normally & technically trained missionary to go out to Ceylon to take charge of the Training and Industrial School at Tellipally - And so the other

Rev. F. S. Smith

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Winchester N. H. 24-12-'98

Dear Dr Daniels

Your favor of the 23rd instant conveying Mr. Noyes's kind request is just at hand. I am expecting to go to Penacook N. H. for treatment on Wed. the 28 inst and presume Dr. Alexander will not care to detain me there for the first term of active treatment for more than ten days so that I think I can probably run down to Somerville for the 8th of January. I will therefore agree to this appointment provisionally — will lay the question before Dr. A. as soon as I meet him; and if he vetoes it will write to Mr. Noyes or yourself to that effect at once.

I addressed the Union Ch. at N. Brookfield last Sab. a.m. and the 1st Ch. in the evening and gave 5 minute talks to each sunday school. Tomorrow I am to present the cause to this church both morning and evening and I hope to get it to take a decided interest in the forward movement. The pastor here has resigned but supplies the pulpit till March. He buried his wife barely two weeks since.

Has Dr. Barton heard from Dr. Alexander as to terms and the exact date on which he wants me to come to Penacook? I have heard nothing from him direct. Please speak to Dr. B. about this and

ask him to let me know what I had best to do. I am quite prepared to go to him next Wednesday.

I found all but one of my children here on getting here last night and the missing one is expected tonight. Mrs. S. stays at Clifton Springs as Dr. Sharpe is to be away ten days hence and she needs to be kept under his immediate care as long as possible. She will probably stay on there till about the 22nd of Jan.

Wishing you all in this pleasant home at Newton a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year, I am,

faithfully yours—

Mrs. Snell Smith—

Rev. Thomas Smith

Penacook N. H. 3-1-99

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Rev. C. H. Daniels D.D.

My dear Dr. Daniels:

Your kind favor of Jan. 2nd is at hand. I think I can probably accept with safety the invitation to spend Sunday Feb. 5 at Loffstown, N. H. with Rev. H. H. Wentworth. I hope to go home for a week or ten days from the 17th to the 26th inst'n so and shall probably address the students faculty &c of Am. Coll. at the Thursday evening meeting on the 19th or the 26th preferably the latter. The intervening Sunday I hope to spend at home and to address either or both of the Cong. churches in Easthampton. I think I am getting into good trim for safely addressing Mr. Noyes' ch at Somerville next sunday. I wrote him Sat. morning that I was hoping to do so.

I have now been "treated" four times

Dr. Alexander seems encouraged by the symptoms but of course it is too soon to speak at all definitely of results. This cold-cold snap and the attack of "la grippe" have kept me in pretty closely for a week past but I hope to be getting out again soon.

It is very quiet here and while resting well I am getting a good deal of writing done that had waited long for accomplishment.

I think it quite probable that I shall be returning hither about the beginning of Feb. for a second term of daily treatment.

My wife is to come home about Jan 17 and the 19th is daughter Mary's birthday and the 24th my own and so I want of course to be at home for at least a week about that time. I plan to start for Boston as soon as I can after treatment on Sat. and shall hope to see you at the rooms either on Sat or on Monday morning next.

Thanking you for this chance and wishing you a happy New Year

I am
faithfully yours
Thos Ewell Smith

Rev. Thos. S. Smith 351

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Penacook. N. H.
11-1-99

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr Barton;

Thank you for your kind little note with the letter which you forwarded-

Tho I did not go to Somerville on Sunday I presented the case at the Cong. Ch. in this place where the semi-annual collection for the Board was taken up after my address. I had hoped to speak at the weekly prayer meeting here this evening but it is so cold that I think it would be unwise to venture out in the evening.

I had an attack of the grippe during Xmas week and my throat

Dr. Alexander him-self has not seen me for several days but is to treat me today and I shall ask him for definite information as to rates of charge and shall ask him when he wants a payment on account to let me know that I may apply to Mr. Wiggin

My wife is coming home from Clifton Springs a well woman she says next Tuesday, but whether she will start Monday night Tuesday Morning or ~~then~~ Tuesday night I dont know yet

Does Mr. Chapin have a mileage book on the Central New York Road That is the road for her ~~to take to Albany and then~~ I have to get her a Fitchburg mileage for use from Troy to Greenfield I hope to meet her at Greenfield & we shall d.v. stop over night with the Woods at Hatfield and go on home the next day. I propose to leave Penacook on Monday and stop over night with my sister at Winchester enroute to Greenfield

Hoping to hear from Mr. Chapin in regard to N.Y. Central mileage book and thanking you again for your kind expression of sympathy I am faithfully yours

Thos Snell Smith

is not yet in good form for exposure to the night air.

I am to address the Woman's missionary society here tomorrow afternoon and am to speak at the weekly prayer meeting of Mr. Dewey's church in Concord on Friday evening.

I have now been treated 12 times. It is too early for very marked results but the tumor is certainly perceptably smaller and not so hard. Tomorrow after the 14th treatment diversions will probably be carefully taken again. My general health seems decidedly better I am looking better & feeling stronger.

Rev. Thos. S. Smith 352
The Eagle Hotel
Concord N.H. 14-1-99

Dear Dr. Daniels;

Through Prof. Harris of Andover I was invited to address the North Ch. of this place at their weekly prayer-meeting last night. As they are to take up their annual collection for the Board next Sunday I prefaced my address with an appeal to the church to take a generous share in the forward movement. The audience was not large as it was snowing & the air raw & cold but the 100 and odd people who did come seemed much interested and many stopped to speak

well to let my throat rest again.

On Thursday Dr Alexander took the dimensions of the tumor carefully, and found that in 12 days one diameter had come down from 7½ to barely 6 inches and another from 5 inches to 4½. The texture of the growth seems changing too - growing softer and beginning to divide up or what seems like disintegrating. Dr. Alex. was very much delighted with progress made. Says it is more than he dared hope for, that I am "looking much better" and I certainly do feel better, stronger and can digest heartier meals than I could when I came. He will let me go home next Tuesday to meet my wife at Greenfield and take her on. Daughter Mary's 27th birthday is on the 19th and my own 54th on the 24th & on the 26th I am to be back & under treatment again as Dr A wants me to get back just as soon as I can.

I have written to Mr. Wentworth at Rollstown that I will d.v. be with him on the 5th ~~inst~~ prox. - I would like appointments for other sundays in Feb. Dr Richardson of Pelham would like one for a sunday but "not just now". He was a sem. classmate. I want to go to Dover to inspect planing machines in a manufactory there with a view to selecting one for my school

with me after the meeting.
They bought 15 copies of the Almanac of Missions and I distributed 5 copies of the atlas of our mission fields and 50 copies of the sketch of Ceylon and the pastor Mr. Dewey got up a club of 10 ~~subs~~ new subscribers to the Missionary Herald in a few minutes after the meeting.

I am trying to look up the parts of the North Church this morning before going back to Penacook and on my way thither shall stop at West Concord to arrange for the supply of that vacant pulpit on Sunday the 29th of January if I have as yet no arrangement for tomorrow and it may be as

Are there good Cong. churches there? and can you introduce me?

I am to address the ministers meeting in this place on the last Monday in Jany.

Have you any list giving the dates when the New Hampshire churches take up their collections for the Board and indicating what churches give well, what poorly and what do not give at all?

I will gladly help in a "forward movement" on this state while I am sojourning here and shall be grateful for any data that can be had helpful to a systematic effort

in this line. So also in Wrate
Mass up and down the
Connr Valley I am sure that
something can be done to
cultivate the country chu
and get them all more to more
forward without waiting tu
the very end of the Board
financial year.

Please excuse this long corre
and don't hesitate to make
use of me in every way that
you can as a sort of volunte
additional district secretary
or "forward movement" man
for New England.

As ever faithfully
Thos Snell Smith.

Rev. T. S. Smith — 353

East Hampton Mass —
23rd — 1 — 1899 —

Rev. C. H. Daniels D.D.

Dear Dr. Daniels:

While I was still at Penacook, Mr. Wood of the 1st Church in this place wrote asking if I could occupy his pulpit on Sunday morning the 22nd inst and present the cause of the Board. I agreed to do so and yesterday fulfilled the engagement. I prefaced my account of the Ceylon Mission by an appeal for hearty co-operation in the forward movement. After speaking for over 35 minutes to the full congregation I made a few remarks to the S. Sch and the infant class and the speaking

meeting & banquet of the Conn. Valley Association of Amherst Alumni at Springfield and I think I shall venture to stay to that going onto to Dr Vernon Jenkins the same night & getting to Pen. before noon Sat. I shall go planning to stay there under duty and perhaps some three daily treatment for six weeks or so.

I have no engagement for next sunday & shall seek none thinking it as well for the present to rest quietly any other sunday but I should like engagements for ~~March~~ Feb 19th and March 5th or the intervening sundays if calls come

Our family physician here has examined me very carefully noting down dimensions shape texture &c of the tumor. His figures agreed exactly with those of Dr. Alexander and when I am here again Dr Winslow will test again so that I may have a check on Dr. A's statistics from an independent authority.

My wife is to stay on at Clifton Springs probably through the month of February. Her trouble (uterine catarrh) had become chronic and is proving obstinate; and so, tho she is much better, the doctors say she ought not to leave the sanitarium yet awhile. The decrease in the apparent size of my tumor from 7½ x 5 inches to 6 x 4¼ in 19 days is certainly encouraging & full of encouragement. Please tell Mr Spear of this & thank him for me for this unlooked for help & healing.

Faithfully yours Thos Snell Smith.

did not make me over-weary nor
did it hurt my throat and I
was able to go out in the evening
and hear Dr. Hamlin at the
Bayou Church—

All my friends exclaim at
the evident improvement in my
looks, Dr. Alexander's greeting Sun-
day morning was "Why really you
look like a man in danger of get-
ting well."! He was reluctant to
have me come away so soon for
so long a time but after nearly two
months of absence it seemed necessa-
ry for me to be here for a few days
to say nothing of the claims of two
birthdays only one the 24th tomorrow
the 24th inst and daughter Mary's the
27th or the 19th but celebrated with
mine tomorrow. There is a
social function here on Wed evening
in which daughter Abbie has a deep
interest and she begs me to stay & attend
it. Then I do long to attend the

Rev. Thos. Shield Smith

Penacook N.H. 31-1-1899

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Your letter of the 26th instant was forwarded to me from Easthampton and has just reached me. I am very glad you wrote me frankly and I believe I can convince you that I have not merited an unfriendly judgement on any of the points upon which you touch.

1. In reference to my leaving the Sanitarium for a time. Dr Alexander did not want me to be away more than a week if I could avoid it but he said that it would do no harm but good rather to interrupt the treatment for a week as the effect of the treatment would follow on during the interruption and I would probably come back better than when I went away. The hope of meeting my wife seemed to me to justify my starting two days earlier than I otherwise should i.e. on the 17th instead of the 19th but in order to avoid unnecessary expense I returned without attending the reunion of Amherst Alumni at Springfield on Friday evening when my most intimate classmates Harris of Andover, Neill, Fairbanks and Corby, all four of them Alpha Delts of '66, were the sole representatives of our class. This was a very sore disappointment and Harris has written me quite reproachfully for turning away when so near. In fact when I got back Dr Alexander

Then too it should be remembered that by going away I was saving a daily cost here of over two dollars per day a part of this being permanent salvage as the improvement from previous treatment was going on all the while! I am going to ask Dr. Daniels to indicate the limit of mileage within which he thinks it would be proper for me to accept an invitation to present the cause of the Board. Of course if one trip covers two Sundays with appointments for week days in between a longer distance would be allowable. Such a trip I want to make in March some six weeks hence that I may then go home again for a week. Dr. Hamlin wants me for one Sunday at the Payson Church Easthampton & Mr. Gaylord of North Amherst another Sunday and Amherst College Y.M.C.A. ~~of~~ a Wed. or Thursday evening and probably Mt. Holyoke College another evening. By that time Mrs. Smith will be at home and we shall want to meet after a separation of more than three months and I trust that you will all at the Rooms admit the fitness of that excursion especially as it will not hinder the results of the treatment here given.

Now as to the sending of almanacs. I sent out or otherwise distributed 20 presentation copies of the almanac either to pastors or others whom I wished to interest in the distribution of the almanac or to maids &c to whom I wished to show a little courtesy in return for attention and service received, 20 of the former & 5 of the latter. Then I have sold and already collected the money for 130 copies at 10 cts each which cost me 5 cts each and I have returns yet to be received for more than as many more placed with friends who have not yet reported their sales. You will see that even if some copies remain unsold I am not likely to be out of pocket on the whole, while the Board will be the better by the circulation by sale of 400 copies of the almanac through my instrumentality.

I must confess that I felt it rather hard lines when Mr. Wiggin deducted from my allowance for January the whole sum due for almanacs instead of allowing me to replace the item from actual sales; but, altho it has pinched us a little just now we shall get it all back ere long. Please give this explanation in detail to the friend who deprecated my distributing of the almanacs. I wonder if he has done as much to promote the circulation of that admirable little hand-book of our mission work all over the world. I carry some with me every where and have even tried to get newsboys to offer them for sale on the trains! If my critic was of the P.C. please have my conduct put in the right light unto the whole Committee. Even if this effort to help the Cause had involved a net loss to me I should simply put down the loss as a contribution to the Board out of my own charity money. I really think that critic might have trusted me to be enough

pronounced me the better for the 10 days absence
saying I had made a distinct gain while
away as he had predicted that I would if
I did not stay away too long. So you see
that an occasional absence is desirable
as a matter of economy and in order that
the utmost possible benefit may be derived
from the time spent under treatment. This
seemed and still seems to me fully justified
course I took; and then I think that some ~~thing~~ account
should be taken of the natural desire of my daugh-
ter and myself to spend together the birthdays
hers and mine, she 27 and I 54, which, under the
circumstances, we could not help remembering may
be the very last we could ever spend together in this
world. Then too neither parent had been in the
home since the 1st of December and especially as the
mother was to be away perhaps a month longer we
it seemed very desirable that I should spend a
few days with the children if I could do so with
the approval of Dr. Alexander. The misunderstanding
of the situation at the rooms was a natural one
and I am very glad to be able to correct it at once.
Then too I had Mr. Woods request to present
the claim of the Board to his people on the 22d
I offered to pay half of the expense myself if Dr.
Daniels thought that I should. As it was I did not
charge the full expense as I had failed to remem-
ber correctly the mileage and charged for only
100 miles whereas the mileage is 38 + 25 + 24 + 38 +
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Pres. T. S. Smith 355

Penacook N. H. 1-2-99

Dear Dr Daniels:

Your favor of the 26 ult has been practically answered in my reply to the longer letter from Dr. Barton of about the same date, which I asked him to show to you.

It is impossible to say how long the treatment should be continued. I doubt much if so large and probably "ancient" a growth can be dispersed or absorbed in from 4 to 6 weeks and dont understand what Dr. Alexander meant by his remark

Yours sincerely
Thos. S. Smith

Dr. Daniels
Dr. Alexander will answer
more fully in
for next St prayers?

What caused up

in ~~Mass.~~ Dover for me. I shall try to stop over a train in Manchester on Sat. enroute to Epping town and call on pastors there. Dr Richardson of Nashua writes that he wants me for a sunday while here but not just now. Please write me on the points raised in my letter to Dr Barton in re distance & time which I may accept invitations and my plan to be in East-hampton & vicinity for 8 or 9 days including two sundays in March.

Please note that total cost of trip to Easthampton was $5.20 not $4.00 and that I am quite willing to bear one i.e. $4.00 - 1.40 = $\frac{5.20}{2}$. Think it should be. This would make $1.40 to be repaid

I am troubled that pastors seem to feel so little responsibility for the forward movement; and are so little mindful of what their churches are really doing for the Board. I hope to get in touch with the Sec. of the N. H. state association and get his help in getting hold of the churches in this vicinity.

You can hardly imagine the loneliness of life here. I keep busy and keep happy but Oh I do miss the society of friends and kindred. Most of the patients are Xians and we now have evening prayers with pleasant singing and myself as chaplain. Can I have a dozen copies of mine of one of time

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I hope that he will treat me today so that I can consult him on this point. I want to press him also for the $10. rate with $1.50 off for every absence of 24 hours. I talked with Mr Morse on Monday and he admitted the value to the Sanitarium of my case ~~and~~ both in view of its intrinsic peculiarity and the wide constituency interested in it and the number of different places from which patients may be attracted hither by means of it. Two or three are already in view as probable patients who would hardly have heard of the place but for me.

Thank you for your offer to secure opportunities in this branch and

Rev. T. Snell Smith 356

Penacook N. H. 11-2-98

To C. H. Daniels D.D.

Dear Dr Daniels:

On my way to Keene town as I had to wait two hours in Manchester I called on Dr Clapp - He seems much interested in the forward movement - The pastors of the local associations are planning to have each church take up some particular missionary or department of the work - Dr. Clapp would be glad if the corporate and honorary members of the Board in New Hampshire could be constituted a corporative committee for this state to undertake the development and promoting of the forward movement. He says

It does seem to me that this state does need a co-operative committee and that one ought to be organized on the lines suggested by Dr Clapp or in some other way if there is a better way. Please excuse my writing this I thought you would want to know of my talk with Dr Clapp and of his disposition to help in any way that he can.

I had a delightful time at Foxboro spoke at length morning & evening and 5 minutes to the S. sch. Sold ten almanacs and on the way back called on Mr. Reed & the 1st ch. Concord and accepted his invitation to address his people at their missionary prayer meeting on Friday evening Feb. 10th I addressed the ladies missionary society on this place at the parsonage Thursday p.m. The intense cold affected the attendance at Concord last night but there was a fair audience who seemed much interested. I rest here tomorrow but spend the next sunday Feb. 19th with my class mate Bliss pastor of the ch in Franklin 12 miles from here & the following sunday in Hopkinton. I do not find myself at all the worse for these efforts - am continuing to improve. Careful measurements are to be taken again ere long. With affectionate regards to Mrs D. & the children I am as ever

Your affectionate friend
Thos Snell Smith

a resolution which he moved in
an annual meeting looking to
or proposing such use of the cor
& hon. members of each state we
talked and he hesitates about co
ing forward again prominent
in the matter — thinks the offic
& ~~Board~~ Com at head quarters
want to do things their own
way and dont welcome sugge
tions even from corporate mem
tho' he says distinctly he has no
grievance of his own. I told h
I was sure he was mistaken a
to the attitude of the officials
and that I hoped he would no
be "backward about coming forw
to the help of the forward mov
among the churches in New Hamp

Rec'd _____
Ans'd _____

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Penacook N.H.
15-2-99

Dr. Hamlin of East Hampton wants me for the 19th of March would like to be at South Hadley Seminary church and College on the 20th of March or at either of the churches in Holyoke or Northampton. Dr Alexander will I think let me off on the 18th of March to return on the 28th or 29th do. I continue to gain steadily both in general health flesh & strength and the shrinking & softening of the tumor goes steadily on. but of course the entire

Rev Thomas' Church

Dr Hamlin's

Dr Alexander's

Dr Thompson's

Dr Thompson's

Dr Thompson

disposal of so large a growth
wholly internal, must be a matter
of months and months. Dr. A says
that he never intended to give
the impression that a complete cure could
be effected in 4 weeks but that
the power of the treatment to do
good steadily and with promise
of entire success in due time
could be demonstrated within
that length of time
I spoke on missions here for Mr.
Burnes last Sunday night, addressed
ladies &c. last Thursday p.m. & 1st Ch.
Concord Friday evening. Can't go
d.v. to Franklin for next Sunday
to Henniker for the 26th and to
Reeds Ferry for the 5th of March.

Rev. J. L. Smith,

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Rev. J. L. Barton ~~D.D.~~

Dear Dr Barton;

Your welcome letter of the 16th of Feb. was waiting for me when I got back here from Franklin this afternoon.

I have to thank you very gratefully for the free grant of 100 copies of the "Ceylon a key to India" and for the liberal discount allowed on purchases for sale of the same to Mr. Swett had already sent me 100 copies which I suppose will be charged at the same rate of 7 cts each - I have already disposed of nearly 80 of them by sale and shall soon have to order a fresh supply for myself -

I am sorry I seemed remiss in writing to you. There are few indeed to whom I write with greater delight than to you, but I have been afraid of inflicting myself too lavishly upon you. I supposed that it was my duty to report to Dr. Daniels my various trips to address the churches - and as I also mentioned the continued improvement in health I thought he would partially speak of the same to you. so that I should be sending coals to Newcastle in writing each time also to you.

dinner at the hotel after a very delightful meeting. This association Ministerial Club includes all denominations - even the Episcopalians and Unitarians; and the Roman fathers were invited too but declined to join!

Please tell Dr. Daniels of my safe return from Franklin -

Our daughter Mary is now visiting in Malden with her particular friend Miss Mann, cousin of your Miss Pike, and I hope she will call at the Rooms. She has done nobly keeping house for and coaching the three younger children during the absence from home of both Mr. S. & myself since the 1st of December last.

Mr. S. got home ~~the~~ Thursday p. m. - the 16th, with health, as we trust, fully restored. We owe this great kindness of over 10 weeks at Clifton Springs without expense to us, to the generous ~~kind~~ act of a Mrs. Stone of New York who endowed the room which my wife occupied. Mrs. Stone urged my wife to stay on till the 1st April, even. My wife has enjoyed herself at that noble place of healing very much and has made some rare friendships. Mrs. Clark has been especially kind to her.

I have just received letters from Hastings & Dr. Scott - written after hearing through you of Dr. Richardson's opinion of my case. One sentence in the former letter touched me very tenderly. "It isn't two hours since the sad news came and I feel years older already!" writes Hastings; while Dr. S. asks to be forgiven for a matter in which he felt that he had misjudged & wronged me years ago. I think you will remember that there was an incident leading to a mis-understanding in regard to which you wrote me a word of caution. It is a comfort to know that he feels differently now. I wrote Hastings some time since of my coming here and of the new grounds of hope in my behalf and shall write them both again as soon as I can manage it. Dr. Scott writes that the list of admissions on Conf. of faith in '98 was 87. I had hoped for over 100.

Dr. Scott
Dr. Hastings

I am very glad to be able to report the decidedly encouraging results of the measurements taken by Dr. Alexander on Saturday the 18th inst. I am sure my wife was the first one to whom I reported them that very day.

Measurements thus far –

	Dec 29	Jan 15	Feb. 18
Transverse diameter of tumor –	7½ inches.	6 inches	5 inches
Perpendicular diameter	5	4¼	3⅞ inches
Weight of myself without overcoat –	156 lbs.	160 lbs.	167 lbs.

Mch. 10 – 4 ft 2½ weight 160

Dr. Alexander said on Saturday "I'm ready now to take you round and exhibit you!" "You are growing fat almost too fast." The improvement is very marked. "Far more rapid" says Dr. A. "than I had dared to hope for." I am inclined to attribute this in part to Dr Brown's Syrup of Lecithin, which, with Dr. A's approval, I continue to take. I don't gain in strength as I would like to but Dr. A. says that improvement will follow on.

I had a delightful sunday at Franklin with Bliss my classmate at Amherst. Spoke morning & evening and took a class in S. Sch of small boys. Saw the Missionaries meeting & met 16 pastors of the diocese also Dr. Walker of So. China Mission – We all took

Rev. T. S. Smith 24 359

C. H. D.

Rec'd
Ans'd

Tuesday Morning

Dear Dr. Barton

I have just heard from Mr. Rose that as Mar. 5th is Communion Sunday he would rather have me some other day. Would it not be well for me to show myself to Dr Pomeroy and get his disinterested judgement of the alteration & improvement in my case? If I could get a chance to supply some where in the vicinity of Burton for that Sunday I could earn my own expenses. Would you or Dr. Daniels be willing to apply to the man who has charge of the supplies and get me a pulpit if possible for the 5th of March. I could

stop over Monday and hear Ian
Maclaren and go to see Dr P.
and see my daughter out at
Malden. and have a glimpse
of you all that I should greatly
enjoy. returning to this place on
Tuesday or Wednesday.

Hoping that this little excuse
may prove practicable I await
to see what the Lords will say

Faithfully
Thos Snell Sr

[illegible] exists a fatal
in which [illegible] of sense if
I wonder [illegible] and that
[illegible] will not assert
that any [illegible] no one
who [illegible] Dr [illegible] Francis
are [illegible] residence
authority in order [illegible] the [illegible]
the [illegible] recovery [illegible]
in [illegible] means to [illegible]
hours of the 24th and is [illegible]
at hand. Were I to read it out at that free
parliament our home breakfast table I am
sure I should be "comforted" at once by a
chorus of "C.y.s", "C.y.s" i.e "consider yourself
squelched"; and really I don't think I
deserve the squelching. It is entirely an
assumption that I wished to make an up-
pointment "simply to fill the Sabbath in con-
nection with visiting the doctor or hearing
Ian Maclaren". In point of fact it was not
till I had decided to get work if I could
in the vicinity of Boston for the 5th of March
in order that, without added expense to the
Board the verdict of the doctor here might
be [illegible] for a month [illegible] and
[illegible] me [illegible] it [illegible] [illegible]
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missionaries" should not "make trips hither and yon" without expense to the Board, or at its expense, to fill appointments wisely planned in its service, as well as any one else. You yourself had asked me to go from this place to Somerville for a single Sabbath in answer to Mr: Hayes request. It was hardly wise to make a definite engagement then owing to my recent cold (la grippe really) and the weather at that time and I so presented the difficulties that Mr Hayes withdrew his request decidedly to my own relief, and without loss to the cause as I was able to "present the cause" to the church in this place on that sunday.

I quite agree with you that my "immediate duty is the recovery of health and strength if possible" and I think I am thoroughly true to that duty. Such service as I undertake is carefully restricted to what is well within my strength. Speaking twice on the Sabbath ~~will not pass any engagement spoken of here.~~ Dr Alexander & Robins both examine and test me with special care on Monday & Tuesday after each day of service in order to make sure of this and Dr Alexander himself proposes an occasional absence from "treatment" as a part of his general plan of cure. For instance he proposes that I go away in March for three sundays including the two weeks between and then return for another month of steady treatment. One of these Sundays will be March 19 by request of Dr Hamlin of the Baptist Church Easthampton the other will be either the 12th and the 28th or the 26th of March and the 2nd of April. I am planning appointments for these three sundays in the Conn Valley in the vicinity of Easthampton shall probably be at South Hadley or Granby on the 12th March ~~and~~ at Amherst or Northampton on the 26th do. returning here on the 29th of March - Both doctors and nurses here consider one fur-

be received by Dr. Pomeroy, to whom Dr. B
who took one, and who had said that he
wanted to see me again in Feb. or March
that I happened to see the "add." in the Re
ald (Boston) of Ian Maclaren's lecture on th
6th of March – Surely the returned missionary
after long years of deprivation from all Eu
privileges has at least as good a right as a
one to avail himself of an incidental
chance to hear such a man & turn a
plan his movements in the course of "
cance" so as to secure the chance.

As to "a little visit with Dr. Pom(e)roy"
I innocently supposed that it was just
what Dr Barton at least and indeed you
self as well wished me to make, especially
in view of the desirability as I supposed of
having Dr. Alexander's verdict on his sus
treatment received by an independent com
petent authority like Dr. Pomeroy who was
already so well acquainted with my previous
condition. Moreover I saw no why "our

terms in not being condemned to the life of absolute idleness in wh.

Rev. J. L. Barton D.D.

Enacook N. H.

Feb. 26 1899

Dear Dr. Barton

I thank you for your kind letter of the 24th Feb. I think I understand now my duties, in re correspondence, to yourself and to Dr. Daniels. I am sorry I asked either of you to try to get for me a chance to supply, and will never repeat the request. I had no idea it would be so offensive to Dr Daniels or I would not have made it. Please see my letter to Dr. Daniels in explanation and defense, and in justification of my not denying myself public speaking. If I seem to have written with too much feeling, ask him to show you his letter to me. I have not for a long time received a letter that

Since the Deputy sends me affidavits sender that time without prejudice to my reading the time would rather have had this help this S. Smith Healing Unbelief Sum mond Barton way I shall, do Job to Kennikin

Mr. Baxter is not defined in my coming but his welcome one of 99 but shortness

Yours truly

Yours truly

good nap of an hour or two. As I have written Dr. D. it is in climbing up-hill, in heavy out-door rig, that I feel weakness and shortness of breath, especially the latter, not from public speaking. I asked Dr Robey and Miss Robbins the head nurse, when they came in to "treat" me just now, whether they thought I was speaking too much, telling them my solicitude after they had answered a decided "no" to my question; and Dr Robey said "You must go down and show yourself to the secretaries and let them get Dr. Pomeroys verdict on your condition and improvement."

I am not sure but I had better do this even at my own expence as the best means of convincing you all that my improvement is quite as rapid as could reasonably be expected ~~away. I quite supposed that you wished to have Dr. Johnson~~ see me again, as I have explained to Dr. Daniels; but, if you really think that I ought not to come, I will stay away.

I have full confidence in Dr Alexanders treatment but I think others might desire an independent judgement on the kind and degree of improvement effected by it, and no one else is so well ~~educated~~ qualified for judging of this as Dr. P.

I am glad you like the photographs. Allow me to anticipate the probable criticism from some quarter of needless extravagance in having them taken by asking you to remind the critics that no photo of either the group or of myself had been taken before for 12 years, that when taken it seemed probable that it was my last chance for a likeness with even the semblance of fair health, and that too that the money paid for the pictures was given to be expended in some personal pleasure or comfort.

seemed to me so needlessly harsh and unkind in tone and in the imputation of a wrong motive on my part, and it has grieved me very much. I understand well but it hurt none the less for that.

Dont think you need to feel anxious about my speaking. Each time I find that it wearies me less and less: e.g. yesterday, speaking to the tiles, I preached a new sermon in the morning & had to take all the work both morning and evening, and yet, the I usually (in past times I mean before my illness) didn't sleep as well some night after preaching, I slept better last night than I have before since coming here. This improvement in sleeping capacity is one of the best symptoms at present in my case.

My only sleeping draft now is a glass of milk from which I sip perhaps half a gill each time I wake and generally drop off in a few minutes for another.

I do regret very deeply having to receive extra help from the Board

can meet any part of expense
already incurred at Renovah from
her personal allowance. The allow-
ance for the time covered by that bill
has already been wholly spent. I
had been assured that this expense
would be met by a special vote
and trusted to that assurance.

The allowance of $129 per month
is all too scanty for the support of
seven people, the younger ones of
whom cost for food clothing textbooks
and tuition even more than the
genuine adult members of the
family. The allowance is our sole
dependence. The second daughter

daughter is a junior at Mt. Holyoke College. She has now for a full year had no allowance from the Board. She only came home when 13 and the more liberal scale of allowance for children in this country did not begin. I think all she had been here two years so that she received the full allowance I think only for five years and has cost the Board less than the average cost of a missionaries child. But when I asked to have her allowance continued through the calendar year during which she completed her 20th year (1898) my request was refused and the allowance promptly stopped with her birthday on the 13th of March. Friends have contributed most of the money needed for her term bills but you know that it costs a good deal for keeping a college girl even decently clad and supplied with money for incidentals

incidental personal expenses even at so inexpensive a college as Mt. Holyoke, and this we have had to meet from the personal allowances of the parents and the three youngest children. I confess that I dont understand the principle on which the Committee expect a missionary to be able to meet such an expense as treatment at an expensive sanitorium out of his usual allowance. If he could do it, it would show that the allowance is altogether too liberal, and if it is, what must be thought of the allowances of the general officers of the Board! Our $129 gives in round numbers $10 to charity, $25 to rent, $12.50 to meat, $10 to milk & butter, $7.50 to bread, $10 to washing & laundry, $10 for coal & kerosene, $5 for other food expenses, $5 for travelling and the rest for clothing, furniture & incidentals including allowance to daughter at college. Then we have medicines, doctors bills and dentistry and really I dont see where I can possibly care for such an expense as treatment at Kenilworth. We live very plainly, just one coffee for dinner, no pies or cakes or oranges, no carriage hire, no new books, only 4 papers - no daily! Will the R.C. kindly indicate when

who would make the 8th member if counted with the rest has a salary but she is heavily burdened with paying off debts incurred in securing her own education and in trying to save a little for her own outfit in life as it will be quite beyond our ability to give her dowry or trousseau. The eldest daughter has been keeping the children together & keeping house with "help" during the absence of the parents at sanitoria during the winter. The parents have not boarded at home to be sure but there have been inevitable incidental expenses for traveling medicine &c. wh have cost quite as much as our food would have cost had we been at home.

My wife and I are both missionaries children and have their usual inheritance of personal poverty and paucity of extraneous resources in the way of American homes and wealthy or well to do parents or other kin of near degree on whom to fall back or to whom to look for extra aid. You know our friends

Rev. J. S. Smith
Winchester N. H.
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but the actual daily "treatment" at the sanitarium will be entirely gratuitous. I wrote Dr. A. that I thought it was for his interest as well as my own to make such an arrangement in view of the special features of my case, the value to him of that notice in the Congregationalist and the happy impression which such generous treatment of a returned missionary would make in connection of the ~~mentalt~~ ~~impression of grasping for money~~ inevitably made by the keeping secret of a remedy for such diseases and he at once replied promising gratuitous treatment hereafter. As I have the promise in writing it can not be evaded and will not I am sure be withdrawn. I may arrange to board at the Sanitarium but am hoping that Mrs. Burrows the ministers wife will be able to take me in. I am spending tuesday three days with my sister but expect to go on to Penacook on Wednesday morning. I am delighted to hear of Mr. Burrows appoint-

together on Easter Sunday for the first time ~~who~~ since last Aug. You can imagine what a happy and grateful occasion it was for us. I wished also to delay my return till I could if possible secure even more favorable terms from Dr. Alexander and I am glad to be able to report that I hope to be able to get along thereafter with an extra grant from the Board of only five dollars per week - and perhaps with even less as twelve dollars per month or so My medicines cost from four to five dollars per month and I am to get rooms & board in the village

merely to suffice and will write to him immediately on

Rev. T. S. Smith,

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Penacook N. H. 11-5-99

L. Barton D.D.

Dear Dr Barton:

I am glad the may-flowers reached Mrs. Barton safely and were grateful to her. I enjoyed gathering them again after 12 years very much indeed, and it gave me equal pleasure to share them with several who could not gather them for themselves.

I have also been trouting three times once alone and twice with my college classmate Bliss the pastor of the Ch. in Franklin

Seminary and my classmate at Andover and fellow sandbar shooter

Send two or three more-may-flowers

annual Sunday School Association or Convention at Kennebec and on each occasion was given time for an address - Recently I have staid quietly at home three sundays but next sunday I go to East Andover and the following sunday to Laconia and on the last Sunday in May probably to New London N. H. I have agreed to address the Y. M. C. A. of Amherst College on Thursday the 1st of June. The following week I must be at Andover Mass to attend the reunion of our class of 1869 to all the [illegible] arranging for the reunion. I would like to have an appointment for the 1st Sunday in June either near Easthampton or near Andover and hope to secure one. Dr Alexander wants me to take another rest from treatment in June and then return hither in July - He has with-held treatment three times lately because there was need of local rest for a little from the daily puncturing they want to rest it again two days or so next week and so on Monday I am going on from East Andover to Danbury to visit Eastman my

N. H., 12 miles from here
I have not had any great suc
cess but have had five hes
six breakfasts of trout from fi
to last four of them of my
own frying too!
I get my own breakfasts an
suppers and dine at the Cu
ler House for 20 cts per day
Due 20 cts for dinner glass of cerise
I would like a better dinner
with a soup course and les
pie (3 en) but they ask 50 cts
at the Sanitarium and dont
have room for one at that—
On the whole I like it better
than I did the three weeks at
the Sanitarium. I attended the
Merrimac Co Association at
Concord on Tuesday and the

The local reduction has not been measured since my return on the 12th of April but will probably be ~~taken~~ noted again tomorrow. It was 28 years yesterday since we sailed for Saffron in 77 and will be 45 yrs tomorrow since I landed in Burma in 54

I think the improvement is steady tho not as rapid as for a time. I think the gain in strength tho slow is ~~steady~~ constant and perhaps as decided as could be expected. At the collation yesterday they had baked beans, cold ham, brown bread and hot rolls or fresh rolls and I ate of all, as there was nothing else to eat and digested it all without distress and this shows great improvement in

ful that he had better hold on in Jaffna
till he has to come to America. He wrote of
the hard over head in his study. He had no bed-
ness to use that corner room for a study. We
never would for myself or the children tho the
boys slept in it. There is a fine high walled study
in a separate building with open verandah on
third side which I used for study & wh will be
Mr. Dickens room and Hutton ought to have
used that — I enclose a letter from Jonathan wh
I think will interest you He must have gotten a long
letter from me soon after writing that — Our Hartford Full

He makes a great mistake in not appreciating his opportunity. He counts for far more (if he would only show a little more adaptability) in Jaffna than he ever has or ever will in Madura. His own furlough to America will be due in two or three years more and I think it would be far better for him to postpone all thoughts of return to Madura till after taking that furlough at least. Of course they would not like to say in Madura that they dont want him back but

digestive power –
I hear from Dr Howland
that Mr. Hastings does not
care to act himself in each
a change to the College & that
no one else seems to care to
to act. Holton wrote me that
he thought the change would
be made June 1st. I think I
shall write to Dr. Scott tho
I believe he is not a memb
of the local Board of Direct
I may write also to a prom
rend native member or memb
of the Board Rev. J. P Hunt &
Mr. Sangarapillai a lawyer
I am sorry Holton does n
tato more kindly to Jaffna

R 14 recd Monday & two will only one 5 dollars

we are more than 60 dollars behind hand on our first year with an allowance of $1550 and this with constant effort to keep expenses down. As a new year begins with the 5th of this month if the new date could begin with that date I should be glad this the birth day is the 15th. I am writing also to Mr. Wiggin about the matter.

I am trying conscientiously to make my tramps and outings a part of my treatment for improvement in health and rigidly confine

myself to what the doctors judgement and my
own experience indicate to be safe & helpful
to building up my strength.
I do hope that you will be able to write me
that Mrs. Barton is really gaining ground.
Please remember me affectionately to her & feel
deep sympathy for you both in the trial of her long illness
I am glad that Dr Pomeroy is at home
again and shall hope to meet him during
the first week in June. Hoping to see you also
at that time I am

Yr loving son Duncan will be sent on
Saturday

weeks today and am eager to get back to work again. I should like a place some where round Boston for June 11th and shall probably be asked to Somerville, or Wilmington, or Medford or Medfield or Newbury at all of which places I know I am wanted "sometime when convenient."

I believe this is a sufficiently detailed report of service and I trust it will meet with your approval. I am trying every where to get the churches I address to take a share in the forward movement and give more to the Board this year than ever before. What was the action of the Prud. Com in regard to Mr. Dickson?

Hoping that you & yours are quite well I am faithfully yours Thos. Snell Smith

I am due to address the Y. M. C. A. of Amherst College on the 1st of June Thursday evening.
On the 9th of May I addressed the Cong. Assoc. of Merrimac County at Concord and on the following day the Convention of the S. Sch. Association of the same county at Hennniker. I hope to return to Penacook in July and have already agreed to go to Plymouth, East Concord, Boscawen and Hebron, & Nashua & Danbury the I may go to East Line or Boscawen on the 28th of May or perhaps even to Hebron—

I think I am gaining steadily dimensions & tonnage and my weight will be taken just before I leave
weeks today and am eager to get back to work.

love this was, in return for much
kind hospitality. April 30th I ventured
entirely going in to Concord to hear
Dr Dewey in the evening. May 7th was
communion sunday & I attended Mr
Burrows of his sermon, reading other
wise. May 14th I went at East Ha
dover, N. H. and May 21st (tomorrow) I am
to be with my classmate Thurston
at Laconia. I have not decided
yet where I shall be May 28th
but June 4th I am to supply
the West Parish Andover Mass
and stay in through the week as
Prof. Harris guest to attend the
Reunion of our class of 69 at the
30th anniversary of its graduation.
I may be at South Hadley or
Holyoke May 28th & I may re
main in this vicinity for that
sunday also before going home etc

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Nashua N. H. 29-5-99

Dear Barton

You will be glad to know that Dr. Alexander took my dimensions when he healed me Sunday afternoon. He found that the transverse measurement of the tumor is about 2½ in. and the upright less than 2. Moreover it seems to be breaking up and softening. He thinks it will wholly disappear within three months and says he sees no hindrance to my return to Ceylon next year.

I am less sanguine but I certainly am gaining about general health & in strength. When I meet Drs Kinney and Richardson Dr. Alexander

wants to be present too and so when you make the appointment please notify him as well as myself Mrs. S. will probably go with me to Andover She has not been East at all since coming home - and as she has been very hard at work since coming home from Clifton Springs I want to get her away for a little change Moreover she has never been to Andover.

Please write me this week at East Hampton of the date for my meeting with Dr. Pomeroy - Have spent a very pleasant sunday with Dr Richardson speaking in his church in the morning and at a union service in the other church in the evening - I hope to call on my daughter at Fitchburg tomorrow, spend the night with my brother at West Gardner & get home Thursday

Eastham Ms. 20-6-99

Rev. C. H. Daniels D.D.

Dear Dr. Daniels,

If you are able to send me to Nova Scotia please let me know as soon as you can when I may expect to start as I should like to go back if I can to Kennebunk for a fortnight or so of daily treatments before going down there. I have now been away from treatment for three weeks. I am keeping very well the doctors Winslow (father & son) here in Eastham find me greatly improved since I was here in March & early April. Their measurements agree closely with those of Dr. Alexander himself. I have been resting and hearing broadcast sermons the past two sundays and may do the same at Amherst next sunday but after that, hope to have work again. I am faithfully yours

Chas. Smith

Rev. Thos. Snell Smith

Easthampton, June 20, 1899

By the kindness of Mr Wiggins

Rev. C. H. Daniels D.D.
Missionary Rooms
Boston

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith

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W. Gardner Ms. 31-2-99

Dear Dr Daniels:

I hope to reach home tonight and to find there a letter from you in re the trip to N. S. &c. Before I return, Dr. Alex. hopes to equip me with an outfit for treating myself or getting other doctors to treat me daily during my absence. I want to read up a little on Congregationalism in that region if I can before starting or on the way. Have you had the course a year back of these churches? Was interested in an article in the last Cong. In or that region. I want to stock up with literature for that

meeting and for the pastors of the region. If I have my treatment will me why should I try a few weeks making appointments with central churches of our order for a fro. missionary tour. I can speak from a thorough knowledge of all three of our Indian missions if Ceylon may be included in that term. I should also of the general Government want to get back to the Int. Council in Sept as I am proffered free entertainment to that meeting. I have spent the Sabbath with my brother who has lived here for many years. I gained rapidly until week under the treatment but daily. With kind regards to all your family and to friends at the rooms I am yours

Thos Huldmeiter

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith

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Yarmouth Nova Scotia
4-9-99

Dear Dr Daniels:

I got my round ticket to Yarmouth for 4 dollars and could have gotten it at the same rate by the Prince Arthur of the Dominion Line leaving the new wharf at 4 p m and reaching St. John hours before we did! But then I didn't find out in time. I am hoping to sell my return ticket for 3 dollars at least and return from St John along the coast of Maine spending Sunday the 17 with the church in Bar Harbor or the church in Rockland Maine. Have written to both pastors and to my friend Geo. Harris at B. H. Today I am to take a run through the Evangeline

Dr Daniels
New Brunswick
Care of Sheffield

Sheffield Academy
Aug 1st 1900
E. W. Austin

counting as far as Wolfville returning to a missionary meeting at Kingsport in the evening & thence with the pastor, mine host, to Digby whence we cross over to St Johns Newfoundland to Sheffield. As it is labor day I get the round ticket for single fare & so on to Sheffield and back next Sunday I am billed to be with some Cong. Ch. near Sheffield as the meeting of the Union does not break up till Monday the 11th I plan to be back in Boston by the 20th. I spoke 3 times yesterday twice to very good audiences and once to a meeting of young boys at the Y M C A room and I go in my way that morning at 9 a.m. Sunday your will be placed with the report of progress. I am

faithfully yours

E W Austin

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Rev. Thomas Lyell Smith
Sheffield Academy N.B.
7-9-99

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Dear Dr Daniels

I enclose one of the programs of the meeting of the "Union" Mrs. Curry of the ~~A.~~ West Central African mission is here to represent the Womans Board

I attended the council at St John for ordaining and installing Jas. L. Gordon formerly of the Boston Y. M. C. A and member of the new old South ch. as the pastor of the Cong. ch. in St John. Mr. G. never had any college or seminary or bible school training and yet he was not questioned at all in ch. history or ch. government or motive in entering the ministry and next to nothing in theology and no exegesis

The choice of the ch. the record of success in evangelistic work and the strong recommendation of Mr. Moore of Boston seemed to settle matters

on Monday evening.

I expect to get to Portland on the 20th.

The meeting at Kingsport last Monday night was a real success and I was detained by a Mrs Cox who only son went out to West Africa 2 years since under the Presb board as a medical missionary.

I enclose a copy of the program

Thanking you again for the opportunities of this trip

I am,

Faithfully yours

H. L. Smith

and all else was taken for granted. The ride up the St John in a large steamer the Victoria was very delightful, and the meetings of the Union opened last night very pleasantly. As I have not been able to sell my return ticket to Boston from Yarmouth I shall probably return that way unless summoned very urgently to call at Bar Harbor. I shall put in the next two sundays with churches in N. B. & N. S. have been invited in several directions. I shall probably start homewards on Monday without waiting for the last day of the meeting in order to have a day in St Johns before the rest of the party come along. Mr. Wm Kerr and Lord there on Tuesday night urged me to do so and they may be able to arrange for a missionary address

C'd OCT 19 1899
S'd OCT 19 1899

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith

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Eastham Mass
18-10-99

Rev C. H. Daniels D.D.,

Dear Dr Daniels,

I shall be very glad to go to Amesbury for the 22nd of Oct. and to the Conference on the Cape the following week. For Nov. 5 I think it would be better to go to Roxbury Ms. to Mr. Bates formerly of Jaffna who has asked me to give his people a Sabbath whenever I can and get the Chatsfield call put off to Nov. 12th if possible. I am to supply at Rockaway next sunday a.m. for $5.00 !! and remain till Oct 28th getting treatment twice daily & I hope meanwhile getting possession of a "trib" for self treatment if possible. Dr. Alexander has repeatedly promised this but fails as

yet to keep his promise. If I can have Chesterfield for Nov. 12th I can probably have East Charlemont as Dr. Whitney is very urgent that I should come for Nov. 19th if I am not wanted at South Hadley for that day. I represented the Board at the East Hampshire Conference at Prescott Mass. on Tuesday Oct 17 they paying my expenses - and I had grand audiences at Springfield Oct 8th and at Granby Conn Oct 16th.

Thanking you for these new opportunities

I am

Faithfully yours

Thos Snell Ohmitt -

Please let me know at Penacook where I am due on Saturday where and when the Conference on the Cape is to meet -

T.S.O.

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PROVIDENCE, R. I., OCTOBER , 1899.

Memo of Expenses of
Thos S Smith's tour to Nova Scotia and
New Brunswick — Sept. 1 to 21st 1899 —

Sept 1st	Food expense in Boston	.50
	S. S. Yarmouth round ticket to Yarmouth & back	4.00
Sept 2nd	Food expense on S. S. Yarmouth	.50
" 3	Three addresses in Yarmouth —	—
	R. R. fare to Kingsport & back to Digby round trip for single fare	5.00
	Hack hire in Yarmouth	.50
Sept 4	For food expense	.50
	One address in Kingsport to the oldest church in Nova Scotia	
Sept 5	Round fare from Digby to St Johns & back for single fare	1.50
" "	Food expense	.50
" 6	Round trip from St Johns to Sheffield and back for single fare	1.00
" "	Food expense on steamer	.30
		Rs. 14.50

Total carried up

Total brought up — $ 14.50

Two addresses at Sheffield —

Sep 19th Food expense on steamer coming to St John — .50

Coaches in St John — .20

Luggage transfer in St John — .25

Two addresses in St John

Food expense in St John — .50

13 Food expense enroute to Pleasant River — .50

Railway fare New Germany enroute to Pleasant River 2/3rd fare — 2.00

Drive 15 miles New Germany to Pleasant River free.

17th Two addresses in Pleasant River and one in Hampford 6 miles away.

Drive to Hampford & back free.

18 " 32 miles to Liverpool free.

Food expense enroute at hotels — .50

18 Address in Liverpool union service for two churches

19 Steamer fare Liverpool to Yarmouth — 3.50

Food expenses 2 days enroute to Yarmouth — 1.50

and enroute Yarmouth to Boston

Hack fare in Yarmouth — .50

Express on Valise St John to Yarmouth — .50

25.00

Amount Advanced 25.00

12 addresses before this Union & 10 before 8 churches

Thos Snell Smith

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Penacook, N. H., - 25 - 10 - 1899.

Dear Dr. Daniels;

I am planning to go to Boston Saturday morning as I can get an excursion ticket & and can then go out to Amesbury. I shall remain at A. probably till Monday p. m. or Tuesday morning and then proceed to Hyannis for the conference. I am writing today about Sunday Nov. 5. both to Mr. Bates at South Royalston and to Charles Noyes at Somerville. I shall also write to Dr Whiting about Nov. 19th or I may return to this region for the 19th & the 26 - going home - for Thanksgiving, again after the 26th.

Hoping to see you on Saturday or Monday and thanking you for these repeated opportunities for service,

I am,

faithfully yours

Thos Snell Smith

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T. H. SOULE, Jr., Proprietor.

IYANOUGH HOUSE,

HYANNIS, MASS.

1st November 1899

Dear Dr Daniels:

Mr. Bates writes me from So. Royalston that he wants me there next Sunday and I hasten to inform you of the fact. They gave me a full hour for my address last night and all seemed much interested. There was a good house in spite of the rain and it is bright & pleasant & mild this morning. I am anticipating a rare treat in hearing Dr Root. Mr. Wheeler hopes to take me out fishing this afternoon and then I shall return to B. d.v. to-morrow morning. The meeting during the day yesterday I found very interesting. Hoping to see you soon I am

Faithfully yours

Thos Snell Smith -

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith
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Rev. Thomas Snell Smith

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East Hampton 7-11-99

Dear Dr. Daniels:

Your kind and welcome note of yesterday reached me this morning. I had a good day at South Royalston. It is wonderful what an impress on his whole life was made by Mr. Bates three years in Jaffna (1860-63) tho he was very much of an invalid

be the guests of my own relatives Mrs Emerson and her daughter Mrs. Arnold in the same place. Dr. Alexander wants me to return to the Sanitarium about that time and I ~~will~~ can go there on Monday the 20th I got home just at dinner time last night and it is very pleasant to be at home again.

With kind regards to all your family, I am

Faithfully yours,

Thos Snell Smith

all the while. I sold 14
copies of the Key to Indec
in that little congregation
60 souls and I think th
gift to the Board will
sensibly moved by my
visit and of course the Bo
enjoyed intensely the chan
to ask endless questions
about the work & the wor
in Jaffna.

It will give me muc
pleasure to spend sunda
the 19th met with the Leg
church I shall doubtless

Rev. J. S. Smith,

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Penacook - 23-11-99.

NOV 25 1899

Dear Dr Barton:

Will you kindly give me the name and home of the lady to whom you referred as having just come to the Sanitarium? I cant make her out, and would like to know who she is if she really has come.

When Dr Robie treated me on Tuesday he found that I had made marked improvement during the three weeks of my absence. I am conscious myself of gradually increasing strength. I forgot to ask you how Mrs. Barton is now and whether she is still at Saratoga

The Leitches have had pleasant letters from Miss Root and Dr Young both from London and Paris. They had

a very pleasant voyage across the Atlantic.

I shall preach here next sunday morning for $5.00! and on Wednesday go to my sisters in Winchester N. H. and on to Hatfield where we are all to eat our Thanksgiving dinner with Mr. Smith's sister Mrs. Woods.

My plan is to stay in the vicinity of Easthampton or rather at home till after Christmas presenting the cause wherever the chance may offer in the vicinage and then return hither for two or three weeks till after Christmas and then return hither for three sundays in succession viz. Dec. 31st - Jan. 7th & Jan. 14th - and then go home again for a time - I have no engagement for any sundays beyond the next -

I am faithfully yours

Thos. Snell Smith

Rev. T. Snell Smith - 377

REC'D DEC 5TH 1899
ANS'D DEC 5TH 1899

Easthampton Mass
1-12-99

Dear Dr Daniels;

I received your letter and Dr Moores at the same time when I reached Hatfield yesterday

I shall be very glad to go to Providence for the 14th inst and to Bridgewater for the 17th. I have long wished to visit the latter place as we have the genealogical record of seven generations of Snells in Bridgewater before my great grand-

still concealing from my wife & children my own apprehensions for the future.

Thanking you for these several opportunities for service,

I am,

Faithfully yours,

Th. Snell Smith.

father moved to Cummington with Mr. Bryant the poets grand father. whose son Peter married my great aunt. I shall hope to hear in due time what church I am to address at B., who will be my host &c. Unless you want me for some meeting in Boston or vicinity between the 14th & the 17th I should prefer to stop with friends in Providence till the 16th & then go from Providence to Bridgewater without going up to Boston & then out again. I trust you all had as happy a thanksgiving as we did — What a contrast to last year when I was almost without hope of seeing another thanksgiving day and was

Rev. Thomas Snell Smith –

C'd DEC 30 1899
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East hampton Mass
28th 12 - 1899

Dear Dr Daniels

Your favor is at hand dated yesterday I shall be glad to go to Carlisle on the 7th prox, to Taunton on the 14th and to Montague on the 21st I expect to go to Ponacook on the 31st prox and return to Easthampton on the 18th or possibly on the 15th from Taunton without returning to Ponacook – We had a delightful Xmas and hope to have

the Words from Heatfield
with us for New Year day-
Thanking you for their op-
portunities, I am,

Faithfully your
Thos Mall Sm

P.S. My class mate Sargent of
Putnam Conn. wants me
for a sunday in February

Rev. David Stickney

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Udupiddy, Jaffna, Ceylon
August 1892.

Rev. N. S. Clark, D.D.

Revd dear Sir,

Since the beginning of this year 8 persons were received to the church on profession of their faith in Christ. One of these a young man of about 22 years of age is a son of Moses, a farmer in the village of Kampamoolai. When I first came here in 1864, Moses was an opposer of Christianity. I remember of once going to his house and after some talk, handing him a copy of St Lukes Gospel, but he sternly refused saying "Take back your book, I do not want your religious book" Thirteen years later we had a meeting one evening in the school bungalow near his house. He attended it & was impressed with the truth. The next Sabbath found him winding his way to the church through palmyrah groves (instead of going by the common road) to escape the notice of the passers by. In course of time he had the courage to go to the church by the common road, continued strong in faith, showed fruits of repentance & in 1878 was baptized and received to the Church. His wife relatives supposed his interest all a sham, but when they found it to be real, they were greatly disappointed and tried every means to draw him back to them. His sister offered Rs100 if he would turn to his former faith and look after the affairs of a small

temple close to his house; of which he was formerly the manager; but he did not care about the money nor take notice of their frowns &c. Two or three years ago, fearing that his son would follow his father in his Christian course, the relatives proposed a marriage between him and a heathen girl with a large dowry of Rs. 300, but he refused to accept the proposal. Moses son-in-law is also a Christian.

The others who were received to the church are from the R. Boarding School. This institution is indeed a great blessing to the people of this part of this province. It has given birth under God's blessing to more than 150 souls - a great majority of whom once worshipped idols. A few of these have been drawn back to heathenism, but the others are shining lights not only in Jaffna, but in other parts of Ceylon and in India also. It is the custom of this Country for young women to abide by the decisions of their parents in regard to marriage, but I know of some of the girls who have had the courage to oppose their parents who wanted to marry them to heathen husbands. Recently a mother told me that since her daughter (now in school) refuses to marry according to her wish, she would not give a cent towards her dowry.

You might have heard or this that the Christians belonging to this church but living in Atchavely and Pondamanaar formed themselves into a separate church with Mr J Sanders as its pastor. Our church now numbers 96

and the reduction of the 22 members instead of giving discouragement to this church, stirs us up to more activity & by God's grace to make exertions not only to fill up the gap but to have many added to this church. We are also making efforts that the contributions may not fall short by this separation.

There are some in the school and in the villages who have manifested their desire to become the followers of Christ. They have left off their heathenism, but are defective in spiritual knowledge & very slow to show fruits of repentance.

Rev Mr Bell were with us for three months at the beginning of the year & were a great help to us in our work. Mr Bell used to attend all the meetings in the villages and was very much interested in the work. We are sorry that he left us so soon on account of Mrs Bell's health. Rev. Mr & Mrs Smith now take charge of this station and with all their care of other stations and out-stations. When we see them overburdened & overworking we feel sympathy with them and wonder to find them working joyfully & patiently as if they not overburdened. We rejoice to hear that Jaffna will be blessed with 2 new laborers at the close of the year.

In our labors among the heathens, I am happy to find that the Christians are united, earnest in efforts for their conversion. I am glad to find them paying more attention to the study of the Bible and starting prayer meetings of

their own accord to pray to God for His blessing in their efforts. Besides our usual Sabbath services and week day church meeting, we have started a prayer meeting every Wednesday P.M. and another on Tuesdays every fortnight. Mrs Smith has also a meeting for women for Bible study & mutual prayer. We find the Christians generally growing in their spiritual life and we also find and we also find the heathen growing not in their faith in heathenism but in their performance of the heathen ceremonies. Though Christianity is acknowledged by a great majority of the people to be a good religion & by some to be true, still as a body the heathens seem to be against it. They write in their papers against it. They talk among themselves against it. Yet when they meet the Christians they are very friendly to them & treat them very politely.

In Valvedditurai, Christians are treated kindly, but when the heathen see them working earnestly for the salvation of their souls they do not like it and try to disturb the meetings held there.

We had 244 moonlight meetings in the several villages connected with this station during the past six months & we were much encouraged to find the people listening with apparent interest. There are some who have already manifested their determination to follow Christ. Praying earnestly for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit I remain yours humble & obedient servant

(Signed) D. Stickney

Copy. Letter of Rev. D. Stickney, Oct. 30, 1892.

Udupiddi, Jaffna Ceylon
22nd July 1896.

Rev & Dear Sir,

During the past 6 months of this year, we had the previlage of receiving 7 new members (2 males & 5 females) to our Church. Of these 7, 4 are from the female boarding School and the other 3 from the village. Two males & two females of the 7 are from Christian families and the others from heathen. There are still others in the schools and in the villages who have manifested a desire to become the followers of Christ. The number of members in our Church at present is one hundred eleven — 1 more than the number of members at the commencement of 1892 when a branch Church was formed at Atchuvaly. I visit almost all the members (except 5 or 6 who are at a distance) as often as I can and try by the ~~help~~ grace of God to help them in their Spiritual growth. I find in some of the members a steady growth in benevolence and in making efforts for the Salvation of the heathen around. One of them a farmer and not in any way pecuniarily connected with the Mission, tries to find time after his usual work in his garden or paddy fields, to talk to the people in his neighbourhood of the way of Salvation and forward also to be present at the meetings we have for the heathen in the villages during the moonlight evenings.

We have two Sabbath-Schools one at the Church and the other in Valvetty school Bungalow. The Sabbath-School teachers meet the Rev R. C. Hastings every Sabbath P. M. who helps them to prepare the lesson for the ensuing Sabbath. Our Sabbath services and other meetings were held as usual.

Besides our usual congregation 2 Roman Catholics, officers in the Govt. Post office in Valvettiturai, accompany the Post Master a Christian connected with the Episcopal Church and attend our Sabbath Services, which the other Roman Catholics of the place noticed, made a great stir and wanted to report it to the priest, but instead of being discouraged they till the truths they heard in the Sermons to those people and continue to attend the services.

I did not have any regular meetings with the Christian women except what I can do in their families when I meet them, but the Missionary lady has a meeting with them every Tuesday P.M. and helps them to grow in grace. and also She has regular meetings with the F.B.S. Girls

Our labours among the heathen in the several villages connected with this station were about the same as before. After ~~xxx~~ So many years of Christian work in Jaffna, the word heathen (with reference to this people) I think would sound very unpleasant to you not only as a Minister of the Gospel but as the Hon. Secretary of our beloved mother, - the A. B. C. F. M. When one of the Missionaries sent by your Board in 1834 ~~xxxxxxx~~ landed in the Customs at Jaffna noticing a Peon with the sacred ashes in his fore-head asked a bystander "do the people of Jaffna still use this mark of idolatry"? He might have an impression when leaving America that Jaffna is allright - almost a christian land. The same impression may be even now in the minds of many in America. Certainly Christianity has done many wonderful things in Jaffna. It has made many to embrace Christ as their Savior. There are now as I think more than 6 thousand Christians adherants in connection with the three missions in Jaffna, (majority ~~almost all~~ of whom

have by the grace of God grown so far in their Christian life as to make Christianity their own religion. It is a fact that Christianity has already come to Jaffna, and I believe heathenism will go out of Jaffna "little by little" as in the case of the Canaanites of olden times. Majority of the people now living in Jaffna were educated in the Mission Schools and are acquainted with the truths of Christianity and regard it as a good and holy religion. They have every confidence in Christians and Christian Missionaries. Their confidence in their Brahmins and Priests have been almost lost. Many of them have lost their confidence in their gods also. In cases of great emergencies and when attacked with terrible diseases, &c they have recourse to the Roman Catholicism (which they once greatly hated and abhorred) and pay vows to virgin Mary and to other Saints. Last month I have noticed many heathens went to a Roman Catholic festival at Madu about 4 days journey from here, with oblations and offerings to the mother of Christ.

Though the belief in their religion is thus lost, they still prefer to be idolaters and love to perform grand and pompous ceremonies and the people flock to those places out of curiosity rather than of any intrest in them as several have often remarked to me.

When we go among the people and preach the way of Salvation we find no opposition and no one disposed to dispute as formerly. There are here & there some of those who were once educated in the Mission schools who have a desire to follow Christ. but they find many obstacles in the way. A woman who has such a desire entreated me lately to persuade her husband to allow her to go and attend our Sabbath Services &c. She reads her Bible and prays at

home in private. A lad about 15 years of age who is studying in one of the schools has such a desire, but his relatives are in the way.

After all these favourable and unfavourable aspects we feel that there should be an earnest and faithful work ought to be carried on. Many of the Christians feel it, pray over it and try to do what they can. The native pastors of the 3 Missions meet together quarterly, when this subject is brought up, considered and prayed over. We want also the prayers of your Church. We want also your help, sympathy, &c. &c.

Above all we earnestly look for the effusion of the Holy Spirit from above. We wait for it, pray for it. May the Lord grant this great gift is the prayer of yours

humble & obedient Sot

D. Stickney

Udaipiddi July 23rd 1895.

Rev David Stickney is one of our oldest pastors. He is a graduate of the Batticotta Seminary, and has been in mission service for a great many years. He is one of our best preachers, and tho over 70 years of age, is still vigorous & active in his work. He is the pastor of Uduvil church, which with Atchuvely where Rev J Sanders is pastor, are the only two churches connected with Uduvil Station

R B Hastings
Missionary

Uduv. Aug. 1. '95

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Udappiddi Jaffna Ceylon. 28th July 1896.

Rev & Dear Sir,

I am glad to find this opportunity to send you a brief report of my work in connection with the Church here at Udappiddi.

I Church.

You will probably know that this Church was organized in October 24th 1847, with only 7 members consisting of the late Rev E & Mrs Cope and 5 males (natives) transfered from other Churches. In January 16th 1873 the Great Shepherd of this flock bestowed on me, an unworthy servant of His, the great previlage of having the oversight of it consisting then of 45 members. (14 males + 31 females). Since that time we had the previlage of receiving to this Church on profession of their faith in Christ 189 members from the surrounding villages, from the G.B. School at the station and from the vernacular schools in the villages, besides some others who were received by letter from other Churches. In May 19th 1892, 25 members of this Church were dismissed and recommended to form a seperate Church at Atchuvaly with a Pastor ordained over it. The No of this Church at present is 110. (34 males + 76 females). Majority of these live within the reach of the Pastor, so that he may visit them at anytime he Chooses; and I am glad that such pastoral visits were interesting and often proved profitable. Almost all the members attend the appointed means of grace and some of them are very earnest with respect to the salvation of the heathen around. This Church is wholly self supporting, and the amount given last year for benevolent objects is Rs 501.37.

Of those who came from the Churches 3 or 4 came under much tribulation. When one of them (a farmer) manifested

a desire to become a Christian, his wife greatly opposed him and told him to leave off the house. But he stood firm. His wife died soon after and he is still opposed by ~~those~~ his close relatives. There is still another (a farmer) who before he became a Christian had 2 wives and harbored a jealous feeling towards Christianity. I remember that one morning I went to his house and after telling him of Christ, to which he only listened with much indifference I gave him a copy of Luke's Gospel and started to go home when he threw the book back to me saying "I do not want any of your books" &c; but in a few years Cords of love were thrown upon him by our blessed Redeemer and he was immediately drawn over to Him. When he manifested his desire to become a Christian he was requested by the Church to put away his second wife, and live in a seperate house &c. Though he had dis-courragements on every side more especially by members of his own family, he assented to the requirements of the Church and professed Christ as his Savior.

II. Schools.

(H)5 (There are 10 schools in the several villages besides the F.B.S. at the station. These schools are a great help to our work. Besides those studies which are required by the Govt. Bible lessons are taught in the schools daily and examined monthly by the school superintendants and quarterly by the resident Missionary. Those parents who once objected to their Children's studying the Bible now gladly allow them to do so believing that it is one of the means to make them better men in this world and of course in the next also.) A heathen mother who had a very rude & disobedient boy and much annoyed by his vicious habits entreated me to give him

one of our books. I gave him a copy of one of the por-
-tions of the Gospel when she paid for it and requested
me to go to her house often and help him to study it.

III Work among the heathen.

The work which has been carried on during the
past 80 years or so is still continued and I feel
it ought to be continued still longer. Though the
great mass of the people know of Christ, His
history, miracles, teachings &c still they do not
fully understand Him as a Savior. The doctrine of
atonement is yet incomprehensible by them. I
was engaged in this work as early as 1840 and I
noticed at that time the people had much prejudice
against Christianity, — that it was a mean re-
ligion and its adherents the meanest of all the
people in the world. Now this prejudice is nearly
removed and Christianity is regarded as a good
and holy religion and Christians as a better class
of people, honest &c. Formerly there were many
hinderences to our work. Many openly refused
to listen to us, while some others always disposed to
dispute with us &c. Now these hiderences are
almost removed. Though the way is opened to us
in such things still there are the Brahmins and other
votaries of Hinduism, who noticing such changes feel
anxious that their religion will in course of time fare
the worse and perceiving the Christians are in good
earnest think this a high time to bestir themselves at least to keep up
their religion — the religion of their ancesters. So new
temples are now being built, old and neglected tem-
ples repaired, and reopened, Hindoo schools of all grades
started, Divine preachers appointed to awaken the people &c
& feel that this is a high time also in our part when an

earnest and systamatic work ought to be done here among the heathen. The Christians do what they can and the few missionaries here though much over-burdened with other cares do what they can in this also. The people wonder at the self denial and the troubles the missionaries take in their behalf. A heathen once noticing the missionary lady at the station go to the houses of the heathen women in one of the villages, remarked "Oh, how this Amonah though in delicate health loves us. &c"

It is now about three years since some of the members of both Uduppiddi + Atchuvaly Churches have voluntarily arranged to carry on this work among the heathen on the Saturday preceding every full moon. The resident missionary accompanies them, works with them, dines with them and spend the whole day with them. Some heathen, noticing this remarked "this is a great self denial" Our Brahmins would not do such things for us".

I feel also that this a time when much care ought to be bestowed on the Christians also. Though the churches are left in the hands of the native pastors and almost all self-supporting still they want the oversight, counsel, help, prayers and sympathy of the missionaries. They also want the help and prayers of the American Churches at a critical time as this.

May the Lord bless your Board + your Churches is the earnest prayer of your humble + obedient servant,

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Rev. W. W. Wallace

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Jaffna College
Ceylon
Feb. 8. 92.

My dear Dr. Clark.

It gives me great pleasure
answer to your kind favor of Dec. 19th.
ast at hand, to assure you of my
erfect health in Jaffna, and of my deep
nterest in the success of this institution.

In my short experience I have
earned some of the difficulties in dealing
ith these strange boys. Praise spoils
hem entirely, scolding utterly discourages
hem. How to arouse them from their
atural apathy, instil a love for
earning, and stimulate them to exertion
ecomes a problem of each class-room.
o say a thing so that they really comprehend
is another problem. The phrase is
aried a dozen times, they lose it all.
hinking each different, they become confused.

It is condensed to a single expression
they take it literally, commit to memo
and parrot-like, never know any oth

We are sending up 16 boys next w
for Entrance Examination, but cann
feel quite certain of ~~any~~ results.
The very best boys sometimes disapp
us.

We have rejoiced in spiritual
blessings during the past year.
Several of our boys seem as genuinely
converted, and as truly filled wit
the Holy Spirit as any boys I ever m
They are very faithful, and God has
blessed our labors together. In Nove
a work of grace began very quietly
and naturally. We continued in
prayer and exhortation, and many were
led to a serious consideration of Jesu
Christ as their personal Saviour from Si
Many were anxious to speak in our
meetings - not in their usual way of

advising others, but in the first person, briefly and pointedly.

How we thank God for His refreshing grace, and long for continued blessing!

In a recent debate on a question connected with the government, I was surprised & pained at the cavilling and carping of some of the speakers; pleased, however, to find that some were very manful and generous in spirit. "The English have made us all that we are; they have raised us to a higher plane of living, and brought us civilization and Christianity. We cannot but show our gratitude &c."

I have of late accompanied some of the boys in their village Sunday School work. At one school the work was quite run down. Only three or four boys were sometimes in attendance. Two weeks ago, there were 32 boys there and last week 35. I asked them

to promise daily prayer. They answer that they were Saivite boys, and could not say Christian prayers. Coming from children, that shows something of the opposition here met, and how strong is still the hold of heathenism on the country people.

We cannot expect much, however, from such teachers. In conversing with the man, I found that his view of Christ was that He was a Mahatma!

In reference to my plans — I am hoping to return in '93. I have tried prayerfully to discover God's will in the matter, and I cannot feel that it is my duty to remain in my present position. I feel the need of preparing myself more fully for evangelistic work. I should not feel qualified to remain even in educational work without some theological training.

The way therefore seems to me clear thus far. After that if God should again point the way to Ceylon or India, I should feel better qualified to serve him. I cannot say that I have any fixed idea of the future. I have found time to do but little in Tamil, which I should need for future service among Tamil people, and which perhaps I ought largely to acquire during these years. But I have at least made a beginning.

I have labored to serve God here, but I am conscious of having made many mistakes. My position has often been difficult, but having overcome in part I grow to enjoy my work more, and feel a higher sense of responsibility.

I am more hopeful of the College, though there are several changes I deem imperative.

We are trying to improve the Esprit de corps of the college, without which a College will

become an impossibility here.
Discipline must be rigid and constant
Looseness is fatal, and will lead the
boys to defy control.

I feel that we have been weak
in this respect, and fear that our
position has not been strengthened
in the past few years.

Our native teachers are good Christian
men, but they are very slow and rusty
Some of them have never been out of
Jaffna, and after years of teaching
follow in the same deep rut.
We very much need the infusion of
new life among them. They have not
even confidence or enterprise enough to
pass themselves the examinations
for which they pretend to prepare the
boys.

We are at present in strong rivalry
with two other Christian Colleges in Jaffna
It seems impossible to absorb them
or to ~~Co-operate~~ with them in any

Satisfactory scheme for higher education. We cannot all reach the B.A. Standard and it means the survival of the fittest. We have good reason to believe we shall survive, but at present our work seems small. We have an F.A. class of three. Each of the other colleges have the same. Is it not a waste of energies?

I hope I shall not appear to you to be critical. My heart is in the work and I am confident that God will give us true success.

I desire to thank you for your ~~letter of~~ kind and congratulatory letter, and feel that I must apologize for my long silence, which was due only to a belief that you must already be troubled with correspondence.

Permit me to be

Ever Faithfully Yours

W. W. Wallace

Jaffna College.
Ceylon —
May 14. '92.

My dear Dr. Clark,

I thank you very much for your kind letter of Mar. 7th. which reached me during my vacation on the Pulney Hills.

I have been absent about eight weeks from my work, and return with fresh vigor of body and mind, and with new consecration. It has been my privilege to become acquainted with all the Madura people and many of the Arcot Mission, and many of the friendships formed are delightful and lasting. The strength gained

by fellowship with so many devoted and zealous Christian workers, by associations together and by the many meetings for prayer & conference is the very best feature of Kodi.
Not the only one, for we enjoyed all social blessings and gain great physical refreshment.

The final results of our first University examinations are now published, and show that our College takes the lead of all institutions in Ceylon, having passed 14 boys out of 16 Candidates, and 4 of them in the first class. Eleven of these remain with us for the F. A. Course, and

our class is augmented by two boys from the Jaffna Central College (Wesleyan). We have now over 80 boys on our roll, and enter upon a very hopeful year of work.

The past year witnessed Spiritual blessings also, and so thoroughly an evangelizing institution has our College always been, that it has & won the reputation among heathen circles of being - "a regular proselytizing institution." We hope to maintain it such, and that the present year may be very fruitful in genuine conversions!

My desire is to return in June, '93, reaching home by September,

and entering Union Theological Seminary at that time. I hope this will meet with your approv and, if so, that you will advise me fully with reference to any dangerous tendencies at Union.

I am beginning a somewhat systematic study of Tamil, not with any definite purpose of returning to a Tamil Country, but because I now have my regular work better in hand and am better able to devote time to the vernacular. I know I shall never regret it whatever future may be before me, in referen to which I can only say —

"Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?" Whatever the answer I hope always to be able to say – 'Here am I'.

Yours Very Faithfully
W. W. Wallace

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Jaffna, May 14, 1892

Recd June 25

Jaffna College.
Ceylon.
Aug. 29. '92.

Rev. N. G. Clark D.D.

My dear Sir.

Your favor of July 6th. and again of the 21st. received with pleasure. In answer to your request for information in reference to the course of study in the College and the work which my successor will be expected to do, I have the pleasure to enclose a few pages taken from the Calendar of the Calcutta University of last year, with which our college is now affiliated up to the F. A. ~~Course~~ Standard. As the change is recent and the Calendar prescribes the course which we now follow, we have not published a catalogue of the College as formerly. I also enclose a time table of the studies of this term, both of which will give a complete idea of our work.

My time at present is entirely given to teaching English, in the two F.A. classes and in the two divisions of the Entrance Class. This work can not be left to any of the native teachers in the College at present as they confess, and manifest their inability to teach English in the higher classes.
It will be necessary therefore for one of the foreign teachers to take up that work. Mr. Hitchcock is now teaching Latin which is also beyond the native teachers. The new-comer should therefore pay particular attention to these two subjects or, if I am asked to name one, I should say English, as that is the most difficult subject for the boys, and causes most failures. I was enabled especially to rejoice that of our first-class of sixteen boys in English every one passed

But English here is not what it is in many American Colleges, for I believe it is scarcely taught in some of them; while here it is the first requisite.

Any special taste for rhetoricals and talent for oratory on the part of the new man will come in very acceptably. We have rhetoricals every week, and a prize contest and public exhibition once a year. Some very good results have been realized.

We try also to develop the physical side of our boys, by gymnastics in the early morning base ball, cricket or tennis in the evening with occasionally an American Field Day; and any added enthusiasm that can be aroused in manly sports will be of great advantage.

I need not mention the opportunities and demands for religious work. They are almost unlimited, and their character

will be easily understood. Whoever comes will find a small number of earnest Christian boys in the College, upon whom he can rely for help in any undertaking for their hearts are given to Christ, and some of them are truly noble young fellows.

We have 92 boys on the roll at present of whom 22 are Church members, a large number having recently joined the College. Our Y.M.C.A. is thoroughly alive, comprising at present 75 members 22 active, & 53 associate. In Sunday School and outside work there are abundant opportunities. One thing is very desirable – a good strong voice in singing, and ability to play the organ for Church services &c. But at present, we have only the poorest apology for an organ in the College, and any help in securing a new one, that could be used in the College

for morning & evening prayers & for weekly meetings would add greatly to the interest of such.

Books are in great demand, as our library is very limited; and as I was advised in coming out against bringing many things, my experience has been to bring all the personal things one cares for and especially books.

But I am getting off the track, and going beyond your request, for which my interest in anyone who proposes to come to Jaffna must be my apology.

Your many kind wishes and hopes are very thankfully received — and I hope to remain

Yours Very Faithfully

W W Wallace

Mr. W. W. Wallace.

Ceylon, Aug. 29. 1892.

Recd Sept. 30. 1892.

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Jaffna College,
Ceylon.
Jan. 13. '93.

Rec'd Feb. 16.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark -

Your kind favor advising me of the $23. given for my use came duly to hand, and was thankfully received. A friend has offered to make it Rs. 100. and we are planning to use it for the support of a catechist - on the island of Elavaitive (350 inhab. (islands)) where for ten years we have maintained a School. In all that time the only Converts have been two or three boys sent to the Tillypally Training School. In addition to the labors of the teacher, who seems to be a sincere & devoted Christian, our students & teachers have visited the island annually, held meetings in the school, and taught from house to house. Still although there are a dozen Roman Catholic families, not one Protest

family is to be found. In a recent Conversation, the teacher said, "it is not possible to convert them there." He urged me to help a boy who has just finished his Tamil Education to acquire an English education, making him promise to marry the girl from the same island, now in Dodoville, and to return to live there as a Christian family. That was his idea of the best way to convert the island. He said they are all thieves, and liars, ignorant fishermen that cannot be converted by preaching.

I saw plainly the need of sending a young, active, hopeful man to help infuse new life. The difficulty has been to find the man. We have now a young man, who was once in the College and who has ability and experience. We hope that a great blessing may rest upon him in this difficult work.

Two weeks ago Mr. Hitchcock & I accompanied about 50 College boys, and several theological students on their annual expedition to this island. A rival attraction at the heathen temple prevented our holding a moonlight meeting

but at ~~8~~ next morning we divided into small companies to preach the gospel at every house. I had scarcely begun to speak to a company of fishermen along the shore, about the 'pearl of great price', when one man objected - "We are poor fishermen, how can we afford costly pearls?" He then asked for a sign that Christians really went to heaven. He was versed in the Puranas and though very bigoted, yet he admitted that the Bible was true. Two years ago he would not listen; last year he pronounced it all lies; this year it was true - the work of wise men. After we had prayed one young man said, with a satirical smile that if our prayers could change that barren island into a fertile place, he would believe.

When we remember that many of them never hear the gospel but once a year, and are unable to read a word, it is not so strange that they are so hard to reach. In meeting these heathen minds we learn the weakness of human efforts.

One week ago we held our S.S. anniversary. The children met by schools in the mission compound at 2 P.M. A procession was formed led by a band & the English flag. A few Christian men of the village, the teachers & students of the College, and a long line of children formed in line, bearing flags of all colors, & singing as they marched

through the village. About 700 were in line 500 of which were children from the village schools. It was an object lesson from a heathen standpoint and illustrated what a power Christianity is becoming and how it works through the children.

A large Xmas tree was loaded with presents from Mrs. Howland to the children and with recitations, dialogues & singing, they passed a very pleasant time.

In the College interest centres now in examinations, but some of the boys appear to be deeply interested in religion and sincere inquirers. I hope the last months of my work here may be full of blessing to the College in the conversion of many young men.

Mr. Smith has been absent to the Bombay Conference, and I have had no opportunity of speaking to him in reference to the $10. sent for Mr. Hastings' field. I will do so upon his return and trust it will be satisfactory.

I am
My dear Sir—
Yours very faithfully
W. W. Wallace

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Jaffna College
Ceylon.
May 6. '93.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, U.S.A.

My dear Dr. Clark.

You will be glad to hear of the success of our College in the Examinations this year. We have passed twenty-six out of twenty-eight Candidates for the Entrance, eleven in the first Class. Seven other Colleges in Ceylon presented boys, but our number of passes is larger than all the rest for Ceylon. We are obtaining the chief Control of the higher education of Jaffna. Over seventy five boys have applied

for admission to the new class, over fifty of whom have been received, making over 125 boys in the College this year. Thirty are students for the F. A. and in another year, at least, we shall have a class for the B.

As we are unhampered by any government regulations or control, and have all our boy under our constant influence as boarders, we are able to ex a greater spiritual influence ov them than the other Colleges of Jaf

We are very glad to observe the spiritual growth in the College. Three of the students are expect to unite with the Church to-mo

and others are sincerely inquiring the way.

During our vacation, Mr. Hitchcock and I together with the Brahmin Evangelist, the Pastor & several of the theological class, spent two weeks in an evangelistic tour of the islands. We preached the gospel to over 1000 unevangelized heathen, and made a lasting impression on their minds by the aid of the magic lantern pictures, the singing &c. We spent five days on one small island, among 300 people, visiting every house, and telling the gospel to every man, woman, & child there. At another island of over 4000 people we spent five days of very interesting work, and found three

young men, who seriously sought Christ as their Saviour.

Then one week among the Y.M.C.A.'s of Jaffna, holding gospel magic lantern services among 1,000 people, and earnest talks with the young men on Personal work. While not attempt to measure results, we can safely say that five were led to publicly confess Christ, and to sincerely seek Him.

I have just returned from a ten days visit to Madras, and begin work very much refreshed. I shall be sorry to leave the work here at this interesting stage of its development, but of course I shall be glad to reach home & to resume my studies.

I hope to leave Jaffna about June 20th, spend two weeks in Palestine and reach New York about Aug. 22nd. - just four years from the time of my departure. May I return under the same conditions as I ~~enjoyed in~~ coming out - that is, having an allowance for the journey, based on an average estimate? I can then tell how far safely to modify or extend my travels at my own cost, knowing how much to depend upon from the Board.

I rejoice in having been permitted to labor here

for nearly four years, full of instruction & interest to me and not without its manifest results in this College & in this land. The College has steadily grown, and the outlook is very bright and hopeful for the future.

I understand Mr. Brockway has been appointed for this work. I am not sure whether he is the one I knew at Hamilton College, but I can assure him that here is an excellent opportunity for exerting a wide influence, and using every kind of talent, and I wish him much joy and much success, as my successor here. I am sure he will receive a hearty welcome

and find much that is pleasant and enjoyable in life here, both among missionaries and natives.

As I think of leaving, I find how much I love the people and how easy it would be to return, if the great need is not supplied, before the time comes for me to consider it.

Hoping not to burden you with this correspondence, but to hear from you on my return to America,

Yours Very Faithfully

W.W. Allan

Rev. W. W. Wallace

Jaffna, May 6, 1893

Recd June 8

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Middletown, N.Y.
Aug. 15. '93.

Rec'd Aug. 17.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Clark.

I arrived at New York by S.S. "Paris" on Saturday last, and have only been delayed in writing you, by the many calls and engagements incident to my return to my native place. My journey has occupied nearly eight weeks, and has been full of interest and instruction to me. My expenses have been –

Jaffna – Colombo Coach –, R.R., Board, &c.	– £ 6 –
Colombo – London –	" 30 –
Excess luggage, transit, &c. –	5 –
Board & incidentals in London —	5 –
Atlantic Voyage —	12 –
N.Y. — Home —	3 –
Expenses in Egypt & Palestine	20 –
	£ 81.

The amount forwarded me by Dr. Howland was £ 75.

(over)

I do not ask for any more, as of course, my expenses on Palestine tour were no necessary part of my journey. But as I exercised special economy on the Atlantic, by Second Class passage I hope the board will sanction the allowance of £75, which is slightly more than I enjoyed on the outward voyage, but steamer rates are also higher, owing to the decline of the Rupee.

I found second class on the Atlantic good enough in some respects, but most undesirable on account of the company one was compelled to. I should never repeat the experience.

I should have been very glad to accept your invitation to come to Boston, had not my thoughts all turned towards home as the first place. I also considered

that I might spend a week or two at some future time, at very little additional expense, and include a short visit with Mrs. Hastings & Mr. Marsh on the way.

I am not quite settled as to what Seminary I shall choose. I had almost decided upon Yale, but my pastor here urges me to consider Princeton. In any case, he agrees with me, that my most natural and useful sphere of work is in the foreign field, (if God wills) Jaffna, or at least among the Tamils. He hopes, that, by maintaining my connection with the Presbyterian Church and pursuing my course in a Presbyterian institution, I shall receive the aid of

of the Church.

I have written to Princeton for Catalogue and Course of instructi

I will write you again as to my plans, but I hope to hear from you in the mean time; and I shall always maintain a deep interest in the American Board and its work; and hope if I ever return to the foreign field, to receive my appointment from you. Excuse my short lett I find it impossible to finish the story of my travels, in days, so it is almost useless to attempt to describ it in a letter.

I am Sir,
Yours Very Faithfully
W. W. Wallace

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Middletown, N. Y.
Aug. 31, 1893.
Rec'd Sept. 2,

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

Dear Dr. Clark.

I have delayed answering your very kind letter of the 17th inst. until I should be able to write definitely of my plans.

I think I shall be able to secure a scholarship at Yale, and that I shall doubtless go there for my theological training. I shall try to make the most of my opportunities there, and to prove my usefulness in the ministry, before offering myself to the mission field. I cannot but feel, however, that a larger sphere of work is open to me among the Tamil people, after I have acquired more of the language, than there can be anywhere else.

I have spoken informally of my work several times here, and have an engagement to give an account of the work in Ceylon in our Church ~~the~~ coming Sabbath.

I hope someone has been secured for my place in the College.

Thanking you for your very kind letter, and your generous accession to my request for £75 for my return journey.

I beg to remain

Yours Very Faithfully

W. W. Wallace

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93 N. Divinity Hall,

New Haven, Ct.

Jan. 17. '94.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D. Rec'd Jan. 18.

My dear Sir –

I have been preparing an illustrated lecture on Ceylon. I have 66 stereoptican views, taken almost entirely from photographs in my possession, of local interest, and illustrating various phases of life and work in the Jaffna Mission, showing particularly, the College, with which I was connected.

I desire to use this means of arousing interest and extending information concerning this field. I shall be greatly obliged to you, Sir, if you will give me a brief introduction to the churches, that I may have printed in connection with your name

as well as those of several of the Professors in the Divinity School, as an advertisement of what I may call "Four Years in Ceylon".

I shall have occasional opportunities during the School year, and many more during the Summer, of giving my missionary talk on Ceylon.

I am enjoying my work here very much, and was especially glad not to be ommitted in the prize scholarships given last term for work in Hebrew and N.T. Greek.

I receive occasional letters from friends in Ceylon & India, and try to keep informed as to all that is going on there.

Hoping to hear from you,

I remain, Dear Sir,

Yours Very Faithfully

W. W. Wallace

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93 W. D.

New Haven, Ct.

Jan. 21. '94.

Rev. A. G. Clark, D.D. Rec'd Jan. 22.

Secy. A.B.C.F.M.

My dear Sir.

Permit me to thank you for your kind letter of the 18th. commending my lecture scheme, and your cordial introductory note.

I appreciate fully what you say about saying the fitting thing at the fitting time, and also about not letting any outside matters interrupt study.

My chief motive in undertaking this has been the desire to express clearly many things, I found it very difficult to say, in a few attempts at missionary talks.

I shall not try to create a sensation anywhere, but earnestly to deepen interest in missionary work.

I shall give my lecture in the Divinity School two weeks hence, and benefit by the criticisms, and suggestions of my friends.

Do not think I am working up any campaign of my own, or any private income, beyond my expenses. I shall always be subject to the will of the board, and gladly attentive to your own advice & counsel.

Permit me to remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours Very Faithfully

W. W. Wallace

93 Co. D, H.
New Haven, Ct.
Apr. 10, '94.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My dear Dr. Clark -

May I seek your advice in reference to some sort of mission work for the Summer? I have been depending upon Dr. Robinson, the president of the N.Y. State Home Mis. Society - for an appointment; but, owing to financial embarrassment, they are not sending men into the field this year.

I should like very much to spend the summer in Boston if I could secure work in city missions. Being entirely unacquainted there, I take the liberty to address you

W. W. Wallace
Newtown Ct. Apil. 1

on the subject, asking that you will put me in the way of any opening, of which you may know there or elsewhere.

Hoping to hear from you at your Convenience —

I am

My dear Sir

Yours Very Faithfully

W. W. Wallace

93 W. D. H.
New Haven, Ct.
Apr. 23. '94.

Rev. N. G. Clark, D.D.
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Dr. Clark,

Permit me to thank you for the interest you have taken through the Rev. M. Barton in reference to openings for Summer work. I fell that perhaps I had taxed you too greatly in adding thus to your large correspondence, and feel very grateful for all you have done.

Perhaps it may be better that I have no pastoral & preaching work for the Summer, though I feel the need of that. I shall at any rate use my lecture to good advantage. I can make it pay very well, and, I think, do good service,

W. W. Wallace
Overthrown
Read April 2

in thus publishing the work in Ceylon
with some of its striking results,
as well as winning friends for
the mission, and myself as a
Missionary, upon whom I can
rely some day for sympathy & support

Once more thanking you
I beg to remain
Yours very faithfully
W W Wallace

C. D. Valuppillai

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To
The Secretary of A. B. C. F. M.
Boston.

Pandatarippo, Jaffna, Ceylon
Aug. 1895

Rev dear Sir,

The first native pastor of this church having been called to Oodooville church in 1891, I was put in charge of the work here, and was ordained as pastor in September 1894. Though born of heathen parents, I accepted Christ in my childhood and received my education in the Tillipparai Training and Theological Institution. After being a teacher in my alma mater for some years, I was called to a higher service, being employed as a catechist and receiving further Theological training under Mr Smith at the same time.

The membership of the church Jan. 1st 1895 was 38 males, 54 females and 74 baptized children. Two of these have already been taken from us. Their death is a cause of great grief to us. They died peacefully in the Lord - one of them was an old man and the other was a female who two in bodily pain was full of joy in the hope of meeting her saviour. The scene at her death bed touched the hearts of many.

Most of the Christians are growing in spiritual life and Christian services and in earnest desiring the salvation of their heathen neighbours. We are encouraged to see Christian mothers much concerned for the conversion of their children

In the habit of giving, we are growing

steadily. The Government having abolished the gramitas, the Christians have added this portion to their usual thankoffering.

Four were admitted to the Church membership last year and four during the last six months. Twenty more have decided to accept Christ and lead a Christian life.

The more the Christians grow in grace, the more tendency there is among the heathen to lead a pure life. Though our ~~circle~~ parish abounds in stanch Roman Catholics and bigoted Lutherans, yet the light of Christianity shines among them. In a village of Roman Catholics, three families have become true converts. Luther who was one of their elders is now a sincere hard working Christian. By his conversion, his neighbours find that the teachings of Christianity are very effectual in bringing about a material change in the life of a wicked irreligious man.

There was another Conversion in a Lutheran family three years since. This was the cause of great trouble to the convert. But he stood firm, studied in the College, and joined the Theological class, but all of a sudden he was taken to the Father. The members of his family who saw his pure life and joyous death, are now inquirers and one was lately admitted to the Church. Thus we find that the families which were a source of great trouble to Christianity are wonderfully accepting Christ.

Christian Knowledge is spreading throughout the place by means of public meetings, visits, and the distribution of Bible

portions and tracts.

Though most of the heathen women had not the opportunity of studying in schools, yet they are now taught by our Bible women and other Christian mothers in their different houses and are able to read the Bible well. There is much good effected by this kind of work.

There are 10 schools in the district with an aggregate attendance of more than 600 children. These commit to memory portions of the Bible allotted to them by us according to the arrangement made by Mrs Smith, and thus they get a fair knowledge of Christianity and its doctrines. May God help to cause many conversions among them. At present there are many village schools under the patronage of the Lords & the Catholics & the Catholics are establishing a convent in their ~~other~~ parish. The Lords community have opened an English school and are teaching the boys gratuitously. Still our schools flourish well.

In the time of the late Miss H. A. Hillis, the last resident missionary of the place, an orphanage girl school was opened and conducted by her, but the school was closed at her departure. The mission house in which the late Dr Scudder, messrs. Ecerd, Smith, Quick, and lastly Miss Hillis were

residing is to be soon in ruins for want of repairs. It is our earnest desire and fervent prayer that this house be repaired for the residence of a female missionary and the orphanage girl school reopened to the benefit of the girls.

When all our Christians lead a true and spiritual Christian life, & these things go to help them, the Spirit of God will descend upon us and the door of salvation will be opened to many.

May God help, and grant us, to have such a time down.

Your most obedient Servant.

G. D. Valuppillai

Pandaterippo, Aug. 9, 1895.

Rec'd Sept. 21.

Samuel Veeracatty

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Rev. N. G. Clark. D.D
Sec'y A.B.C.F.M

Rev. & dear Sir,

In writing this report of the Navaly church for the last two years (June 1889–June 1890), I feel bound to exclaim "Thank God for all his goodness."

The Congregation. There was an addition of 6 males and 3 females on profession of faith, 1 male and 2 females ~~by~~ by letter. Eight infants were baptized and six marriages were solemnized.

Of the 9, admitted on profession of faith, 4 were baptized in infancy, 2 were gained to the truth by the influence of their Christian husbands, 1 was the brother of a Christian and 2 young men were from heathen families. One of these young men was an inquirer after truth for a couple of years and seemed not to possess the moral courage to withstand the ill-treatments of his parents and friends. But he continued to pray and was confident that God, in some way, will help him to make a public confession of Him with the consent of his parents. He was at last allowed by them to attend services and to join the church.

During this period 2 ~~men~~ were dismissed to other churches, 1 woman was excommunicated and 3 men were removed from our earthly fellowship.

On the 2d of March 1890, we were all struck with deep sorrow at the sudden death of Newton. S. Adams. He was a young man of more than usual promise. His prayers were soul-stirring. He had consecrated himself to Gospel work and was hoping to join the Theo. class. We had great hopes of him. But all of a sudden, at the age of 30, he was removed to a better home to find his eternal rest and happiness at the feet of his dear Lord.

At present the number in the congregation is 52 males and 54 females, total 106.

<u>Benevolence</u>: The ordinary contributions amounted to about Rs 350.00 (in '89) & Rs 390.00 (in '90). As we compare these items with those of the former years a decided advance is noticed. I am glad to say that many give cheerfully and regularly and that the spirit of benevolence is growing in some.

One, of his own accord, contributed Rs 75.00 for completing the bell-tower. Another made efforts this year to raise a fund for the support of a catechist to work especially among the ignorant and bigoted Romanists here. Many heartily appreciated the object and gladly increased their contributions, and a Catechist is already appointed. There are still others here, who have expressed their wish to take up few other repair works. Some of the rich, not rich in faith, give very little. If all our church members give regularly and proportionately as some

of the poor give, the present amount could be easily doubled.

The work in Sunday schools and day schools was regularly carried on as usual. The Sunday school at the church was conducted by some of the church members while the other in a school bangalow, by myself. The pupils all learn and hear the truth day by day. The effect of these truths is made apparent by the disbelief of the pupils in idolatry, by their refusal to rub (sacred) ashes and by their habit of prayer &c.

A meeting for the baptized children was conducted every Sunday morning before the service. The children are required to repeat 7 verses a week from Proverbs. They have committed to memory 19 chapters. This meeting has made them more regular in their private devotions and in Sunday observance.

A Prayer meeting after service was also conducted. It was of special interest to many of the congregation.

The Sunday evening Bible class in a school bangalow was kept up. The Gospels, Acts of the Apostles and the Epistle to the Romans were taken in order. It was attended by low caste people. They are impressed with the truth and three of them, especially, walk as Christians and are known as such by others. But they are afraid of the farmers and are backward to attend services at church.

The heathen as usual receive us, listen to us, and attend our services ~~and~~ moonlight meetings. The Saivite preachers try hard to prejudice them against the truth. We have not as yet met with

open opposition. But a party spirit is created by the so-called reformers. Saivite schools are desired. Temples are being repaired and enlarged. Their eyes are set against Christians and they are ready to magnify the slight mistakes found in Christians. This has undoubtedly given to our members a new nerve and has strengthened them in their faith. But the chief evil is that a majority of the people are made indifferent to the salvation of their souls. It is left, with seeming contentedness, to blind faith.

There are here abundant signs to say that our Lord's work will soon prevail and conquer darkness and I humbly request the prayers of our dear Christians in America for the speedy outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

(Samuel Veeracatty)

Rec'd Sept. 12, 1881.

Miss Annie Young, M. D.

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Miss Annie Young, M.D.,
Colombo Ceylon
Nov. 22 1899

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JAN 29 1900

Dear Dr. Barton:-

You will, no doubt be pleased to hear of our safe arrival in Colombo. We got in Monday night.- Mr. Chandler came on board the boat and brought Miss Root and I word that Mr. Keib was waiting of us on the jetty.

Miss Chandler started yesterday for India, and Miss Root and I are waiting to get a boat for Jaffna.

The first north bound steamer leaves here Dec. 9th. Mr. Hastings wrote and strongly advised against our going overland by coach. Everyone seems to oppose our taking the coach trip. I've written to Dr. Curr and if she needs me I'll go at once. Usually there

are two boats running to Jaffna but one of them is disabled now.

We had remarkably fine weather ever since leaving Boston. Our two days in London were sunshiny ones. Rough weather on the French steamer would have been almost unendurable. She was the dirtiest boat I ever saw.

We are delighted with Colombo. Next Monday we are going to Kandy for two days. The latter part of the week we will start for Jaffna if Dr. Curr needs me very much. The rainy season is holding off and that is what makes the trip overland so formidable.

Miss Root and I will write to you as soon as we arrive at Jaffna. This is the announcement of our arrival in Ceylon.

With kind regards, we remain,

Yours sincerely

Annie Young

JAN 18 1900

Miss Annie Young, M.D.
MacLeod Hospital 396
Ernuvil, Jaffna, Ceylon.
Dec. 4. 99

JAN 29 1900

Herald

Dear Dr. Barton:-

Our delay at Colombo was nineteen days long. I feel quite repaid for staying, however as it gave me an opportunity to learn about the hospitals and medical work. We saw about all the principal places. For two days we were at Kandy. Mr Hastings wrote and asked us to go there before coming to Jaffna.

We both felt repaid; it is the most beautiful place I ever saw. Mr. and Mrs Brown felt too tired after their sea voyage to come with us. Mr Brown was not a good sailor.

We arrived here Monday morning, and were landed amidst the usual confusion of angry, contentious and excited voices. Daniel

came out with a boat and saved us from the customary prolonged discussion secondary to paying the boatman. We reached the landing about 10 A.M. Drs Scott & Burr Miss Howland and Mr. Hastings were awaiting us. Mr Hastings hastened the Browns to Udupitty while Mr Howland took Miss Rook to Codoville. Dr Burr and I stayed in town until the afternoon. A number of the native christians who could not get to my welcome meeting if it were in the forenoon requested that I be detained at Jaffna. We got to Ermuvil about 4-45 and found the place very much decorated and a large number of people gathered and seated on the large veranda. The program consisted in the singing of a song of welcome in Tamil, and an address by the Bible woman. Three native pastors spoke and two missionaries. Fire crackers were in order. I was indeed much surprised by the hearty cordial welcome. The people were indeed joyful. I trust that there was also joy in heaven.

As we drove from Jaffna to Ermuvil I was struck by two things, the number of heathen temples and the large number of persons who had temple marks on their foreheads. There are fifty told over one thousand temples in Jaffna.

In a land of such rare beauty is it not sad that so many are bowing down to Gods of wood and stone. May God hasten the day when these people shall turn from worshipping stone & wood to the living God. May we as embassadors of God pray Him into His temples - the lives of these men and

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ADDRESS OF WELCOME TO THE FOUR NEW MISSIONARIES OF THE AMERICAN BOARD ARRIVING IN CEYLON.

Chavagacherry, Ceylon, Dec.16,1899.

To
Rev. G. G. Brown, B.A.
Mrs. G. G. Brown.
Miss Helen I Root,B.A.
Annie Young, M. D.

Ladies and Gentlemen:-

We,the members of the American Mission Churches in the district of Tenmaratchy,bid you a hearty,joyous welcome.

Months ago we heard of your names and more than that we heard of your Christian experience; for those ever loved missionaries,the Misses Leitch,wrote to us of you all,speaking of you in very dear terms and saying that their hearts were drawn towards you. And of their affection to us they say that,when they went home,they had left their hearts here in Jaffna.

Since we heard of you we were following you,your appointment by the Board,in your very trying separation from your loved country and most dear friends,then in your crossing the wide oceans,visiting large cities and touching at the different ports,till you landed in Jaffna safely on the 11th inst.

Those of us who live in the Eastern parts of the American Mission field in Jaffna were not able,on account of distance,to join in the reception given you on the day of landing. Now it is very good of you four missionaries to have come together here,and we the members of four different churches have met together to bid you a hearty welcome. We welcome you to our churches and homes,to our schools and fields of work.

Rev.& Mrs. Brown,- you are,we understand,to have the superintendance of this station in the place of our highly honored ever dear Missionary, Rev.R.C.Hastings,whom we love for his own sake and for his good father's sake. We would only wish that you would deal with us in his very kind and loving way. We at the same time promise you loving obedience and co-operation in the work of the Lord which we tried to exercise toward him.

We request of you one thing more,namely,-to help to build up our English school,which is the only one in this large district of forty thousand people to prepare students for the Jaffna College. It is the Christian people of this parish of Chavagacherri who have done three fourths of the very hard native work necessary for the starting for the said College. Now other places have schools to prepare boys for the College,and only Chavagacherri has none. Notwithstanding this great disadvantage,those of the few boys who have found their way from this place to the College have turned out to be good Christian workers and are much valued.

Miss Helen I Root,- Your coming to Ceylon is a help divinely sent to Miss Susan Howland who has been greatly overworked since the departure of Miss Meyers. If not for the unusually calm temper for which the Howland family is noted she could not have borne until now the burden laid upon her. Furthermore, we are sure that the English Department of the school will gather material strenght by your presence and will not be superseded by other Institutions of the kind in the province.

Dr. Annie Young,- We pray you to have compassion on the suffering women of this wide region. If you will make this your home,as Mr. and Mrs. Brown make Udupitty theirs, we will do all in our power to promote your comfort and usefulness. By so doing you will save many a precious life and lead many a precious soul to the Savior who died for them.

The closing years of the nineteenth century have revealed the fact that the lady medical missionary removes the very last obstacle to the success of Christian Missions. The last hindrance is the seclusion of women and this is pulled down by the hand of the lady doctor. Your love to your Divine Master has constrained you to leave your dearest friends on earth at the distance of half the globe. If so, the distance of ten or twelve miles from your loving fellow-workers cannot hinder you from making this your home. The amount of good which you can accomplish will be abundantly more. The extreme perilous need for a lady doctor is at the time of child-birth. Before her aid is secured from a distance of ten or twelve miles the unfortunate sufferers often breathe their last.

With these words we bid you welcome once more and beg you to remain.

Yours truly, on behalf of the members of the churches at Chavagacherri, Nunavul, Usan and Varany,

Signed....T..P..Hunt.....
" ....A..Seevaratnam.....
" ....V..Varitamby.....
" ....H..Ramalingam.....
" ....A..Elliott.....
" ....M..H..Nicholus.....
" ....K..Ponnyah.....
" ....A..Valupilly.....

Mac Leod Hospital, Jaffna, Ceylon, Dec. 13, 1899. 298

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JAN 27 1900

My dear Misses Leitch:-

I am just as delighted as I can be to be here,-and such a hearty welcome,-why, if you should come I don't know as these people would know where to end. They quite overcame me with their welcome.

Daniel came off with a cargo boat and took us with our baggage to shore. Drs. Scott and Curr, Miss Howland and Mr. Hastings met us. Mr. Hastings hurried the Browns away to Udupitty. Miss Howland carried Miss Root away to Oodooville, and Dr. Curr detained me at the Wesleyan mission house, Jaffna, till afternoon. Mr. Hastings whispered to me that, "I wasn't wanted." At first I didn't understand, but finally took in the situation. A number of Christian natives couldn't come to my welcome meeting if it were in the morning, so they asked that I be detained until afternoon. It was suggested that we go to Manepy and Uduvil but the Ernuvil people wanted me to come there first, so we had breakfast and tiffin with Mrs. Trimmer.

Over the entrance gate of the Ernuvil compound was a large "Welcome", on either side were palm branches, while on both sides of the driveway young plantin trees had been transplanted. A distance of about 100 feet or so from the porch was strung out on both sides a line of tissue paper decorations, while from the roof, porch, veranda, drawing & dining rooms were suspended innumerable paper decorations. As we drove up the nurses waved their handkerchiefs, which I acknowledged in the same way. Over the door was another "Welcome", also in my bed-room. Fire crackers were in order both before and after the "welcome meeting." The whole affair looked like a wedding.

On the veranda were seated a goodly number of men and women. The first thing on the programme was the singing of a Tamil song of welcome, followed by an address of welcome by the Bible woman. After the address I made a few remarks, but really I never felt so much broken up. These dear people just seemed to open their hearts and to take me in. They are, I believe, very lovable. I like them already. I will send you a copy of the Tamil song and address by next mail.

The morning after my arrival Dr. Curr & I assisted Dr. Scott with a major operation. The patient was one of the Bible-women there. The patient is doing very well thus far. Before giving chloroform the Dr. asked the Master's blessing. I am sure that special blessings rest on the work as the result of such petitions. Yesterday Dr. Curr & I called on Mr. & Mrs. Elmer. Mrs. Hitchcock gave an "at home" to meet them. We returned by moon-light. The moon-light here is beautiful! It did me good to look up at the old familiar faces of moon and stars; they seemed to bring a sense of rest and of His never failing presence.

I do want to know the hearts of these people so that I can help them. There are seven nurses in the school now.

I am beginning to realize how hard it is to work where caste is so strong. There is great need of more kitchens for the use of the patients and their relatives. Now the patients, many of them, as they provide their own food and have it cooked for them each by a relative of her own caste, have their fuel, food supplies and cooking utensils in their rooms, and it makes it impossible for the rooms and wards to look as they ought to look.

Saturday Miss Root and I are going to visit the Chavagacherry Station. Pastor Hunt has a cordial note of welcome.

I must say Good Night to you and write to Dr. Barton. With the Vizhah benediction, I remain,

Yours in Christ's service for Jaffna,
Annie Young.